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SUMMER'S DELUSION



RALE RASIC, former Socceroo coach and present coach of national league leaders Apia, gives his usual honest and frank opinions of the big push for summer Soccer. Rasic holds nothing back.

a full feasibility study, covering everything from A to Z.

Maybe there could be something there if the whole thing were properly researched in every aspect, even though that remains to be seen.

Crowd figures, floodlighting, player costs, accommodation and travel — the whole bit would have to be covered down to the last nut and bolt.

Unfortunately recent history shows us some quick decisions that have not panned out too well.

For example there is little merit in the scheme to kick off NSL games at 2.30pm and then replay the main match at 4.30pm.

Australia-Wide

What is needed is a truly National competition of 16 clubs, drawn from all over the country.

Facilities-wise, the fields, spectator accommodation, floodlighting, dressing accommodation and preferably a separate training ground of a very high order are necessities.

And the ground should ideally be available all the year round.

In Melbourne, with the tennis centre going in and the limiting of parking space, Olympic Park has almost been lost to the code, although some attempts are being made to revive it.

If there is no solution there has to be a look around for another suitable ground.

Over the years too much has been done of a short-term nature. As a result, after 11 years of the NSL and

SUMMER POLL SEE PAGE 5



The Saints and the 'Bergers do battle at the Olympic Village. L to R Craig Moffitt, Mike O'Shea and Claude Lucchesi got at it.

Photo by Les Shorrock

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If people are promoting a scheme, let them provide

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The Editor

WHERE is Soccer heading with international football within Australia.

Overall the answer appears to be not all that far at the moment, although Victoria showed the way with a very worthwhile presentation against English champions Everton.

The proposed sponsored tour by Manchester United, Nottingham Forest and Glasgow Celtic fell by the wayside.

In consequence the Australian Soccer Federation would do well not to dabble with such promotions in future.

Yet the ASF has potentially one of the all time biggest winners on its hands in the form of the Bicentennial Gold Cup with World Cup holders Argentina, Brazil and one other competing.

If it can pull off that tournament with the necessary degree of financial success the game will certainly be the better for it.

The NSW Federation, with a relatively large debt of some \$300,000 on the Parklea development to liquidate, appears to be outside the market for touring teams at present.

Queensland is cutting its own swathe in the Pacific region and Western Australia has its own Near East contacts.

South Australia is well placed to work in with ASF promotions.

What has been missing from the Australian scene for many years is properly promoted interstate matches.

People coming to Australia so often look back with nostalgia to the international matches in Europe, South America and Asia.

Whilst Australia cannot put its head in the sand internationally, it is high time that Soccer followers realised that a deal of the equivalent games here involves an interstate series.

Room has to be found for at least a top level series to include NSW, Queensland, Victoria and South Australia with a Second Division states competition if the other states want it.

This at least provides a basis on which something worthwhile can be built.

The NSW-Queensland game in Brisbane in June was a shining beacon, pointing to what can be done.

The general run of potential soccer supporters cannot be enticed into the game until these things come to pass.

So far as the National Soccer League are concerned, they are once again looking to the possibility of promoting internationals to help to fill their coffers.

This position was canvassed when the League was formed and in over 11 years little has been seen of it.

So far as the individual NSL clubs are concerned, if they are to stage games on the lines of the pre-season Vardor tour or the abortive PAOK or Glasgow Celtic affairs, then more is required.

Acting at a couple of weeks notice in the latter cases does not create a good public impression, regardless of possible financial gain and political issues between the clubs and the states.

In the recent case the clubs should not have closed down the League for three weeks and lost essential income.

It is difficult indeed to make comparisons between Soccer's position and other sports.

Australian Rules has negligible international exposure, whilst Rugby League and Rugby Union keep all worthwhile international encounters under the control of their own organisations.

It goes without saying that means must be found to ensure that the greatest degree of stability is injected into the Australian soccer scene's international operations at every level.

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THESE days Australian Soccer has an indoor game which is beginning to boom, as well the well-established outdoor major code.

One of the avoidable major mistakes of past years in the eastern states was to let 'touch footy', a derivation of rugby league, go its own way without fully replying to it.

It is something which the amateur organisations and the coaching service might have picked up.

All along the eastern coast in particular and in city and country on summer afternoons the grounds are there for games to be played on a 'no hard tackle' basis.

A series of competitions, extending those already held, could prove extremely popular and increase the skills factor tremendously.

Who will pick up the challenge first — the NSW Amateur Federation or the Australian Indoor Soccer Federation?

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The Summer game . . .

FLOODLIGHTING, ACCOMODATION AND WORK

WHEN are we going to have two seasons running the same? When are we going to give one format enough time to prove itself? When are we going to put Summer Soccer on the shelf for good?

And Adelaide City has no lights.

Agreed, there are grounds outside the NSL clubs with suitable lighting, but what happens to the clubs finances if they have to leave their own headquarters to play under lights?

So up comes the twilight games idea.

Sounds feasible, but often it is as hot at 4pm as it is as 2.30pm.

ACKERLEY'S ADVICE

STAN ACKERLEY, the one time uncompromising APIA-Leichhardt left-back turned out 28 times for Australia in full internationals during an illustrious career.

He knows quite a bit about playing football.

After keenly following present-day football here is his advice.

"There is too much tackling from behind the man. It is something that forwards and midfielders are joining in as well as defenders."

"In my day I played it hard, but never dirty."

"Referees need to be instructed to take immediate and severe action whenever this type of play comes to note."



STAN ACKERLEY

"By itself this won't do any good unless they are backed up by referees inspectors and disciplinary committees."

"I reckon a nasty tackle from behind is worth six weeks out of the game."

"If this happens, the skilled players will have a chance, football will improve and so will the crowd."

Good point, Stan. But will officialdom take note?

— KEITH GILMOUR

TOM MCKAIN HITS OUT ON SUMMER SOCCER PROSPECTS

And how will the flight schedules fit in?

So do we have overnight stays every weekend?

If we do, the costs will soar.

Midweek fixtures is another suggestion.

So who pays for the accommodation and who pays for players who work, and most do, getting time off?

And will they get time off?

The claim that the media will provide greater cover in summer is rubbish.

I have been a journalist

with morning and evening newspapers, TV and radio for 37 years, and I can assure you the media regards Soccer as a winter sport, and when summer comes along it's cricket, tennis etc., and usually holiday time when space and time is cut back not increased.

If Soccer would stop trying to milk every weekend in the year it might be able to get its act together on the international scene.

We have the league, the knockout cup, the top five, the summer night cup and then we try to squeeze in internationals and interstate games, and among it all the NSL, rightly so, has to try and keep the various State Federations happy.

Summer Soccer, for one season, or forever, is not the way to go.

Let's have a tight winter contest.

Short, sharp and explo-

AUSTRALIA TO MEND OCEANIA BRIDGES

BY KEITH GILMOUR

THERE is a tendency for Pacific nations involved in the Oceania Football Confederation to feel that big brother, in the form of Australia, overwhelms them.

George Dick, an Australian delegate to the recent Oceania meeting in Auckland, believes that Australia will have to mend a few bridges in coming days.

He told ASW: "Oceania must be built further to show FIFA that the region is much more meaningful."

"Quiet but genuine help must be given to Vanuatu and the Solomon Islands so that their administration is raised to standards which will enable FIFA to accept them into membership."

One big gain was canvassed by New Caledonia's representative. It appears that New Caledonia has brought the clock forward and is placing Oceania membership ahead of its existing position on within the French Football Federation.

Development funds long held by Oceania, should be at last utilised to achieve the Confederation's objectives.

Amongst the positive things to come out of the meeting was an attempt to improve the status of Oceania referees.

A panel will be graded on ability with the aim of having officials well capable of attending to many World Cup and Olympic Games fixtures.

In addition a seminar is to take place of recognised technical directors and leading coaches from various countries.

This is expected to be held in Australia and Australian coaching accreditation standards will be employed.

A strange twist came in the selection of New Zealand chief Charlie Dempsey's daughter Mrs Josephine King as OFC secretary.

Australia and New Zealand voted for George Dick but the smaller countries carried the day due to the excellent work put in for years by Mrs King as 'de facto' secretary although Keith Young held the position officially.

Delegates to the meeting were drawn from Australia, Fiji, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, Taiwan and West Samoa.

sive.

Let's have a national knockout contest during the season.

And let's leave time for internationals, interstate games and visits by overseas clubs.

Soccer is not, and never will be, a 12-months of the year sport.

And when are we going to stop trying to run Soccer to suit the national team?

On the latter scene, is it not about time we ran our internationals as other countries do with no great upheaval to the main league?

Other Soccer nations do not fold up their competition because there are internationals or World Cup qualifying games.

Certainly Italy and Greece, and perhaps others in Europe, will have a blank Saturday or Sunday for an international, but they program their season to accommodate them.

Their secret is that they do not try to play Soccer 12 months of the year.

Surely we can get back to the days when a team had to have two or more players in the international side before they could ask

for a postponement.

With Olympic qualifiers and the Gold Cup series next year there is talk of Summer Soccer, early starts, twilight games and night games.

And clubs are being asked to seriously consider a switch to permanent Summer Soccer.

This appears doomed.

For starters, while it is hard to get fans out in rain and wind, it will be equally hard to get them to stand in boiling sun.

So you play night games, which have proved popular.

Magic! But how many clubs in the West End National League have lights suitable for full-scale matches.

Sydney can boast Croatia's ground light-wide, but the facilities need updating.

St George has lights for games, but not televised, Marconi has lights but again not suitable for TV either.

Apia has no lights.

This information comes from the NSL office, currently taking a close look at grounds.

Melbourne, apart from Olympic Park, has none.



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RALE RASIC SPEAKS HIS MIND IN ASW...

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with different secretaries coming and going, Soccer has not made the desired progress.

In fact 107 years of existence of Australian Soccer calls for much more.

If Alan Bond is to put a skyscraper at the corner of George and Park Streets does he have proper architectural plans?

Then if the pushers for the summer Soccer plan are so clever why don't they submit a properly conceived plan?

Last time around summer Soccer was laughed out of court.

Could it be that we are going down the very same path?

We shall have to see if the backers can find something more stable and attractive. They have the job in front of them.

PLAYERS' REQUIREMENTS

WHEN the League began there was going to be organisations to protect the players and the coaches, but nothing has eventuated.

Today a brickie's labourer receives \$500 per week, but a player only gets \$300 a week insurance if he is injured. On top of that his job could be on the line.

We need some type of trust fund for players, tax-effective such as insurance bonds etc. as a recognition for services rendered.

NSL GROUND INSPECTIONS

NSL officials are currently carrying out on inspection of the facilities available at all West End National Soccer League grounds.

An in-depth report will be tendered to the Executive for their decision on the standards that will be acceptable for 1989.

Clubs which so patently lack the facilities to provide for the Soccer public are certain to be required to upgrade.

The alternative will be there to obtain a better ground — one which exceeds the minimum requirements.

Which clubs could be under threat of not being re-admitted?

Another important aspect is that grounds must meet television requirements.

If a ground is so borderline that it is not a prospect for televising, then the club involved is not such a saleable quantity to its advertisers.

The outcome of the survey will be very interesting. It is no good the Executive backing off, because waning interest by the public due to inferior would only push the game further behind its competitors.

— KEITH GILMOUR



**This week Rale explores
the Summer Soccer
syndrome... should it be
instigated or not?**



The French team looks forlorn after being eliminated from the 1982 World Cup finals against West Germany after a heart-breaking penalty shoot out.

PLAYING THE GAME

REGARDING the football, I was amazed to read that a club that didn't have floodlights could kick off at 6pm, and those who did could start at 8pm, under the proposed new order for summer Soccer.

That is summer Soccer madness, and so naive. Clubs would have to meet requirements or not compete.

With promotion and relegation there has to be stability.

Any format should last five years.

But in the past we saw Sydney Olympic relegated, but on another occasion South Melbourne wasn't.

Relegation means just that. Clubs like Manchester United and Manchester City have experienced it. So did Leeds United. They were one of the best clubs in the world and they have never really recovered.

I believe in first past the post and not grand final play-offs. Leave the other codes with their own problems.

Surely that has its lesson today.

And I don't see any benefit from three points for a win as against two. The whole thing is to play attractive football regardless.

In addition don't talk to me about taking penalty kicks to get rid of drawn games.

The American shoot out is the one to adopt, as it is far more mobile.

Cup competitions must be made more remunerative for the players and clubs, and be conducted properly to be fair to the sponsors and the public.

At one stage Australia looked all over Europe for games. Hungary couldn't help. They were programmed two years in advance for international matches.

Surely that has its lesson today.

VIERA DEPARTS . . .

BY FRANK COLETTA

MARCONI's Brazilian trainer-conditioner ROBERTO VIERA has packed his bags and departed from the Bossley Park scene.

Viera, who was assistant coach also to near-namesake ROBERTO VIERI, made the decision last week. His move away from the club has allowed long-time Marconi stalwart BERTI MARIANI to step into the position and very much into the hot-seat.

With the Fairfielders in such disappointing form, Mariani will have to conjure up some of the old fighting spirit he was renowned for back in the halcyon days at Marconi during the late 70's, when the likes of his mentor Vieri, Eddie Krcevic, Mark Jankovics and Peter Sharne struck fear into the opposition's hearts.

Mariani certainly has the job ahead in assisting the much-maligned Vieri and his cause can't be helped by the fact that Marconi's entire midfield bar Ian Gray is absent through injury. Craig Mason with a hamstring tear will take another week to recover, David Lowe has in fact a chipped hip bone and he'll struggle to come back within a fortnight and Tommy McCulloch's knee ligament damage has not responded to treatment and he may be out for a few weeks yet.

Joining the 'sick parade' were Frank Farina and Steve Maxwell this week. Farina took a training wound that required seven stitches into the clash with Sydney Croatia at the weekend and Maxwell has been hampered by a leg injury also.

On top of this Ian Gray only recently returned from injury along with goalkeeper Bruce James. Steve Calderan has missed nearly all season with shin and ankle trouble and striker Geoff Gunning had his stint with problems also.

Unfortunately to add to these woes the team has not performed well this year and is of late being carried by veteran captain Tony Henderson.

When it rains it pours!

CLUB STABILITY

IT is said and cannot be denied that there are clubs which have been given a great deal of leniency in meeting their NSL commitments.

No club should be allowed in at kick-off time unless it is financially sound.

Nothing can be done on the premise: "Let us try it. We have nothing to lose."

In fact the bigger clubs have everything to lose. Especially if the people involved, even those who have had some experience, continue to come up with the wrong answers.

Take international team visits. Who can bring in teams and when can they come?

Marconi brought Varadar. It was generally satisfactory, but should they be allowed to do so and another club refused.

In these matters the

ASF, NSL and the State Federations should try to pull together and not apart.

We saw clubs such as Mooroolbark, Newcastle KB, Canberra City and Melita Eagles come into the league and they weren't properly prepared.

These sorts of situations damage the game. For example you can't wholesale plant players from the UK and New Zealand to Newcastle and expect it to work long term.

And which comes first — the club competition or the national team? The former, because you can't do anything unless you have a strong club competition.

SUMMER TRIAL

ALTHOUGH the present season is to run to November 8, the plain fact is that starting a major domestic competition to cover the October-early December period is an unknown quantity in Australia.

In consequence the National Soccer League would do well to run a trial competition over this period before they attempt to go in off the deep end with a complete change from winter to summer football.

This could be conducted in October-December 1988.

One potential benefit is to obtain support from players and officials involved in the myriad of competitions that run through winter, especially in NSW.

It remains to be seen whether this would happen under present circumstances.

Actually only a World Series Cricket drive or at least something akin to the basketball NBL promotion could do the trick properly.

And unless there is stability in the NSL and regular use of top stadia there may be little improvement.

Whilst administration is improving, the way the 1987 league began on so many sub-standard grounds means that the summer project must be treated with care by clubs and public alike.

Just which grounds will be floodlit to television standards remains to be seen.

Most clubs can't afford \$250,000 for new installations.

There are people of 152 ethnic backgrounds in Australia. The top league caters for but a few major ones.

Existing clubs should ensure that they don't fall for the lemming syndrome.

And State Leagues would need to become more compact — say ten teams with three rounds to dominate the winter period.

— THE EDITOR

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THE TRIBULATIONS OF ERNIE MERRICK

BY GREG BLAKE

WHETHER he cares to acknowledge it or not ERNIE MERRICK couldn't have asked for a more difficult initiation into the realms of NSL coaching.

The 34 year-old Merrick is the new coach of PRESTON MAKEDONIA, a club, or so it seems from the outside looking in, in turmoil.

Despite impressive credentials Merrick has stepped into the breach at a time when things couldn't be going worse for the club.

Poor league form, the controversial pre-season sackings of Gary Cole and Graham Heys, the dumping of coach Bill Murray on a split committee decision, the transfer of club skipper Ian Dobson and nagging, long-term injuries to key squad members.

Merrick, just six months after joining the club as Murray's assistant, has inherited all the problems of the previous coach and then some. The assignment is as tough as they come but the new Preston boss has no illusions about what lies ahead.

"It's going to be difficult

KOTAMANIDIS WITH WOLVES

PETER Kotamanidis is back with Wollongong City after a half season stint with Sydney Olympic.

Peter was born in Wollongong in 1964, and is 5'8" tall, and works with the DMR.

He is married to Sue and the couple have a daughter Toria. Peter prefers the role of an attacking midfielder and the highlights in his Soccer career were playing against Vardar earlier this season with Olympic and against Red Star last year with the Wolves.

His other sports include tennis and basketball. Peter hopes to be part of the Wolves championship winning team.

with a team that hasn't had success", he told ASW.

"And not being able to produce any players means it is a concern that I've been given a job to do without necessarily having the proper tools to work with."

new Makedonia boss has to address is that of manpower — or at least the lack of it.

Trouble

The already threadbare squad has suffered greatly with injury.



Preston's Ron Campbell gets a ride on the back of Footscray's Ernie Tapai during a recent encounter.

"But for all that, to take the job wasn't a difficult decision to make and I'm looking forward to the chance to coach at NSL level." Despite the problems Merrick has already met with a degree of success with a first up win against Melbourne Croatia and a point taken the following week against Sydney Olympic. "I think we were a wee bit lucky against Melbourne Croatia", he explained. "But we're fortunate to have taken three points out of four. "We certainly haven't solved the problems though and I'm certainly not about to start making predictions like many others do." The most pressing problem the

Con Opasinis is currently out with a hamstring injury, Steve Jackson is suffering from a hamstring problem also, Zoran Tacevski has had a problem with a nagging groin injury since joining the club and George Jolevski has just recently returned to active duty. To make matters worse the transfer of Ian Dobson to Melbourne Croatia has left a gaping hole in the Makedonia back four. But Merrick won't concede the loss of Dobson has caused too many problems.

"The decision to transfer Ian was taken before I took over and although he's a good player I'm very happy with the job being done by Bill Piculovski", Merrick told me.

"He's come through the youth team and he seems to improve every week — he did a great job on John Kosmina last week."

Merrick has been keen to try his hand at NSL coaching for some time and although his big chance has come his one regret is that he gained the job at the expense of Murray, a close friend of his for a dozen years.

"When I first came to

Australia I played in the same team as Bill and we've been close friends since then," he explained.

"I have the greatest respect for him as a coach — I think he's a very good coach and he was the one that got me down to the club.

"His leaving the club is between him and the committee though."

stituted the club's most experienced player Zoran Ilioski when he wasn't happy with his efforts.

"They've got to give their full commitment", he repeated.

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In 1986 Merrick was as-

sistant coach at Frankston City and in the summer of 1986-87 Merrick moved to Conner Reserve to take up the number two position to Bill Murray.

"In fact he recommended me to the club for the job and he wished me all the best."

Doing One's Best

Despite Merrick's obvious respect for the previous coach he does believe there are changes to be made.

He's hamstrung in terms of bringing in new players but that doesn't mean a new broom won't go through the Conner Reserve clubrooms.

The PE teacher and graduate of a Diploma in sports psychology is after a dramatic change in both the attitude and commitment of the players at Preston.

"Before I took over there were boys willing to pull out of training with the slightest of injuries", Merrick said.

"I'm asking for the full commitment from all the players and I don't care who they are."

His no respecter of reputations attitude was clear in the Sydney Olympic game when he sub-

stituted the club's most experienced player Zoran Ilioski when he wasn't happy with his efforts.

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THE AIS GOOD RUN

THE quality of the AIS matches against Victorian State League teams has been very good, and the team has had a long unbeaten run.

Many observers have commented that the games have been most enjoyable to watch due to the skills of the players and because the team scores goals and attacks the opposition at every opportunity.

The goal tally bears that out with 38 goals for and 3 against at this stage.

Hopefully the local supporters will welcome the team back to Bruce Stadium and break our record attendance of 800.

Results of the first batch of matches played was: April 26 St Albans (A) won 1-0 (Alistair Edwards) May 2nd Fawkner (H) won 3-0 (Alistair Edwards, Paul Welch) May 10th Fran-

kston (A) won 9-0 (Alistair Edwards, Doug Marcina 2, Paul Foster 2, Jason Polak 2, John Gibson, Alex Cummings).

May 16th Caulfield (H) won 4-1 (John Koch 2, Jason Polak, Dean Nicolaou) May 24th Green Gully (A) drew 0-0 May 31st West Subs (A) won 5-0 (Dean Nicolaou 2, Alistair Edwards 2, Paul Foster).

Following the final selection camp at Easter, Steve Horvat and Greg Mills were selected to represent Australia in the U16 World Cup Finals currently being played in Canada.

At Youth level it is very encouraging that David Healy and Paul Foster have been included in the selection camp along with Jason Polak, John Koch, Alex Cummings, Alistair Edwards and Peter Gunning.

Gary Cole has joined the AIS as assistant coach. He has played National League for ten years with Heidelberg and Preston, and has represented Australia at senior level 38 times.

NOT MELLOW YELLOW!

OVER five yellow cards average per game and one send-off - it doesn't do the cause of sportsmanship any good at all.

Even allowing that in a few known cases the referee was trigger-happy, it shows that the League, coaches, referees and players must clean up the act immediately.

Special warnings should be issued against players scything down from behind. Such tackles so often are dangerous enough to merit immediate send-off.

In particular coaches have the power over their players to insist on better standards of discipline.

What does the game hold for the public if the better class of skilful players are crippled and out for weeks.

The principle must be that no semi-professional or professional footballer has the right to deprive his fellow players of their sport and income.

Accidents will of course happen. Soccer is a manly sport, with due constraints applied to rid the game of dirtiness.

Rob Davies had to hand out 11 cards at APIA-Leichhardt v Brunswick, with Jean-Paul de Marigny receiving the order of the early shower.

Sam Zoumas dealt out seven at Marconi — Sydney Croatia.

Bill Monteverde went one less at Sydney Olympic — South Melbourne.

Gary Power wasn't exactly behind the door in Melbourne.

Reports of referees inspectors must be culled without delay to establish the realistic position.

League executive director Stefan Kamasz suggested fines as the possible answer, but allows that they would be hard to introduce at this stage of the season.

Perhaps it would not be too much to ask for a modicum of common sense from all concerned, to preserve the good name of the sport.

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ADCITY WILL HAVE HOME ADVANTAGE

BY TOM MCKAIN

DON'T write off ADELAIDE CITY for the NSL title. Having beaten Sydney Croatia in Sydney and drawn with APIA away from home, the 1986 champion can still take out the Sydney "giants" as both have still to visit Adelaide?

If any two players should get a medal for the time they put in for their club, it should be Adelaide City supersubs Lemmy Vatsillas and Andy Toland.

They play every Saturday for the reserve team in the State Second Division, then fly out on the Saturday night to join the main

squad in Sydney, or the Saturday morning, if the club is playing in Melbourne.

Adelaide City is eyeing some local State League players for next season.

When approached for possible transfers this year their clubs talked in thousands.

But at least three young stars are on only \$1000 transfer fees at the end of the year, because they received no signing fee, and are being paid nominal wages this season.

Adelaide is not having much luck with its import program.

A Greek guest players

possibly the play-offs for the West End National League promotion race, will be shelved.

Scot Albert Kidd, a midfielder or striker with Falkirk, is keen to come, but again immigration procedures would take too long with only five rounds to go in the State League.

He is now a long-term proposition — if Hellas gains promotion back to the national scene.

PATIKAS - 'I WANT TO PLAY FOR AUSTRALIA'

By JOHN ECONOMOS

JIMMY PATIKAS, one of Australia's most spectacular players and now a star for Greek first division club AEK Athens, has sounded a loud and clear patriotic message to our Soccer administrators.

"I want to play for Australia," the powerful, speedy attacking midfielder said during a recent holiday back home with his family.

Yesterday morning, the 23-year-old former Sydney Croatia midfielder flew out for Greece, where he has spent the last two years, to get ready for pre-season training for the new Greek season.

Always a popular player with Australian fans, but most importantly with his fellow players, Patikas has held great pride in wearing the Green and Gold of the Socceroos.

"I love Australia and I love to play for my country," he said yesterday.

What a stark contrast to some of our other stars now playing in Europe and Britain.

No talk of swooping passports to qualify for other national teams.

No talk of "money comes first".

No talk of "my club won't like it".

No talk of "I want to play for Australia but it is difficult for me to get away".

The Patikas message was sharp, short and very clear, but most of all, refreshingly patriotic.

"I want to play for Australia."

The Sydney-born Patikas has taken Greece by storm with his explosive acceleration.

Now playing for AEK as a free midfielder, Jimmy has established himself as a regular first grader in Greece.

In 1981, Patikas blossomed with Australia's World Youth Championship squad in the finals played in Australia.

In 1983 he was still young enough to represent Australia in the World Youth Finals in Mexico.

Patikas, in those Mexico finals in 1983, scored Australia's winning goal that torpedoed Cup favourites, Scotland.

Australia's 2-1 win that

afternoon, thanks to Patikas' fabulous goal, sent Scotland crashing out of the Championships.

With the benefit of full-time professional Soccer, Patikas over the last 24 months has developed a maturity towards his sport.

Physically, again with the benefit of training twice daily, Jimmy has developed stamina and has filled out into a mass of solid muscle.

I fired a few brief questions to Jim just prior to his departure for Athens

ing from 3.30pm to 5pm. This goes on everyday.

ASW: What are your ambitions?

JP: To complete my current contract with AEK in November 1988 and to win a championship medal with the club.

ASW: Have you been approached with offers from other clubs in Greece?

JP: Not really. Anyway, whilst I'm playing with AEK and I want to stay with the club. They have been very good to me so far.

ASW: What kind of money are you earning in

ing from 3.30pm to 5pm. This goes on everyday.

ASW: What are the main differences between the Soccer environment in Australia and Greece?

JP: It's a different planet. The crowds are huge. Say anything from 20,000 to 80,000. The atmosphere is electric. And for the spectators, the sports facilities are vastly different over there. They try to cater for the spectators' comfort.

ASW: Have you noticed any great difference coming back from Soccer in Greece to watch NSL Soccer?

JP: Yes, a huge differ-

PATIKAS SHOWS LOYALTY TO THE SOCCEROOS

rough play. I must say that skills in Europe are much higher than on our local scene. But the NSL does have skilled players that could survive easily over there. For example, Zarko Odzakov, Graham Arnold, Dannie Crainie, Charlie Egan and Charlie Villani could play there and hold their own.

ASW: Have you any advice for NSL clubs?

JP: Crowds. Clubs must get crowds back. Look at what Apia has done so far this year. They have gone out and

piakos and Saravakos from Panathinaikos. These players are very special. Saravakos especially is magic and the fans go mad over him.

ASW: How do Greek players stack up against our NSL players?

JP: They are all so very confident. They are all very professionally minded and very hungry to win everything in sight. They look after themselves very well. They rest and eat correctly.

During his stay in Australia, Patikas did not hear from anybody connected with the national team.

But late last week, Frank Arok did make the effort to speak to Patikas.

Arok asked Patikas would he make himself available for the Olympic

Games qualifiers early in March next year.

Australia is set down for clashes against New Zealand and Israel.

"I would love nothing better," Patikas told us.

"But the ASF must contact the Greek Federation for my release."

"Before I signed with AEK they verbally agreed that they would release me for Australia if Frank Arok needed me."

All we can say is that we all wish one Jimmy Patikas all the luck in the world.

Despite the fact that Patikas is earning fabulous money in Greece, the lure of the drachma has not blinded Patikas' love for Australia.

BRAVO JIMMY PATIKAS.

AROK WILL GET JIM PATIKAS

By JOHN ECONOMOS

FRANK AROK, Australia's World Cup manager, does not plan to let hassles from Jimmy Patikas' club AEK OR the Greek Football Association stop him from getting the classy midfielder for the national squad next March.

"I want Patikas for the Olympic Games and I will have him, don't worry about clearances and availability," Arok said last night.

Two years ago, when Patikas was asked by the Greek Football Association for an international clearance before he was registered by AEK, Arok moved swiftly.

The national coach had a 'special clause' inserted in the player's clearance prior to it being sent away by the Australian Soccer Federation.

The clause specifically spells out in the clearance that Patikas is being released by Australia to

play in Greece, but must automatically be released by that foreign club and its respective Football Association the moment Patikas is drafted into an Australian squad.

Arok said last night: "I have made very sure that this clause has been inserted in ALL international clearances made by the ASF."

"I certainly want Patikas for next March for the Olympic Games matches and we WILL have him."

"And this special clause will be enforced directly through F.I.F.A."

It's most pleasing that somebody is doing something correctly.



JIM PATIKAS (second left) on the ball for his club AEK Athens against Inter Milan in their UEFA Cup clash earlier this year.

yesterday morning.

ASW: When did you first play for Australia?

JP: In the senior team, it was in 1984 against Indonesia.

ASW: What is your daily routine in Greece?

JP: We wake up at about 7.15am, have a light breakfast, and report for training at 8am. Training sessions start at 8.30am and finish at 10.30am. We then go off for lunch and report back for train-

Greece?

JP: Well it's a bit confidential you know, but I'm on roughly \$100,000 per season with more

ence. NSL Soccer is so much rougher and players get away with a lot here. Over there the referees crack down on

signed good players. Big players. Sydney Olympic has also done the right thing with the Kosmina and Ratcliffe signings. Promotions. That is an area that has always been neglected in Australia. Exciting, personality-players and promotions I think are badly needed here.

ASW: Who are some of the top stars today in Greece?

JP: They have quite a few. But my favourites are Manoulas from AEK, Mitropoulos from Olym-

SUMMER POLL

DO you favour the NSL changing from the present season to summer Soccer or not? WRITE to ASW, PO Box 406, BROADWAY 2007 to express your views.

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DOBSON AT MELBOURNE CROATIA

By GREG BLAKE

IAN DOBSON, Melbourne Croatia's recent \$12,000 signing from Preston Makedonia, is the newest member of a most impressive but no-so-exclusive club.

Dobson, the former Preston skipper, becomes the most recent addition to the list of players either 'sacked', disregarded or sold by the Connor Reserve club in the past couple of years.

The nuggety, 29-year-old central defender received his marching orders from Preston at the same time as coach Bill Murray when the NSL season recessed for three weeks recently.

Dobson now joins a list that reads like a who's who in Victorian Soccer and includes such adroit stars as Robbie Dunn, Zarko Odzakov, Sean Lane, Warren Spink, Gary Cole, Graham Heys, Richard Wilson, George Campbell, Claude Lucchesi, Jeff Faulkner and Robbie Cullen.

Almost all have continued to play in the national league with considerable success and many have gone on the receive even greater accolades.

Doubtless Dobson will go on to show how very wrong Makedonia has been to disregard him as he joins former partner Robbie Dunn in the heart of the Melbourne Croatia defence.

"Obviously there's got to be something very wrong there (at Preston)", Dobson believes.

"The stability in the club is just not there and that's why there has been no success."

Although Dobson is not upset at having to leave his club of three seasons, the club he joined from State Leagues Croydon City, he isn't pleased about the way the break came about.

"No, I'm not upset at leaving but I thought I'd play out my career at Preston and I'm bitter about the way it (the sacking) was done", the amiable Dobson told ASW.

"The club did it to Cole and Heys earlier this year and got away with it and what it basically means is that a player who plays for Preston has no control of his future".

Ollerton, you know where you stand with him

Signing

The 'sackings' of Dobson and Murray sent shock-waves through the Melbourne scene and sent clubs scurrying for their chequebooks in the hope of picking up Dobson's services.



Melbourne Croatia's Robbie Dunn (left) in action against South Melbourne's Paul Wade.

And the controversial decision by Preston to unload both captain and coach with just a third of the season gone has left its mark.

Dobson says the decision still rankles with him as it has left a black mark against his otherwise good name.

"Virtually what they are saying is that I'm a shit-stirrer", Dobson told me.

The dark-haired defender, regarded as one of the best headers of a ball in the NSL, tells the story of the events in early June this way.

"Last season I virtually acted as an assistant coach to Bill Murray as we often confirmed on team matters and I was involved in organising training drills", Dobson said.

"The club had refused him an assistant coach so Bill often turned to me for advice and help."

"When the season finished it was time to negotiate for a new contract and when the club wanted to contract me as a player only I didn't want to get involved in the coaching side any longer."

"As the 1987 season progressed I was asked to get involved in the coaching again but I refused."

"When the results started to go badly some people at the club accused me of having an influence on the

players although I've since been assured by the players at Preston that I was doing nothing wrong.

"The club called Bill in to get some answers and he attended that meeting and told his story.

"They never asked me — I just got a phone call informing me of the decision.

"The accused me of doing something wrong without giving me the chance to clear my name.

"I even requested a meeting with the committee but it never came about.

"Then they put a \$20,000 transfer fee on me and then said I should ask for a transfer but I refused.

"They felt I had an unsettling influence on the team and in the end Preston put themselves in a situation where they had to transfer me.

"There was no way I was going to be able to play with the club again, they'd made that quite clear.

"In the end the people higher up at the club like the secretary and president pushed for me to be allowed to go for less and the transfer to Melbourne Croatia went through for \$12,000.

"At Preston there are two or three professional committeemen but unfortunately the club is controlled by some unprofessional people.

"The committee was split 6-5 on the vote to get rid of Bill and I and the decision didn't have the support of either the president, vice-president or secretary.

"I believe that on the night the vote was taken the vice-president even resigned before later changing his mind."

New Career

For Dobson the Preston Makedonia era is now well and truly closed.

A number of clubs, including reigning national champion Adelaide City, came in for him but for Dobson the chance to join Melbourne Croatia was too good to miss.

Apart from teaming up with former Preston team mate Robbie Dunn it is also a chance to join up again with Peter Ollerton who, as the then coach of Makedonia, pulled Dobson out of State League obscurity and into the NSL.

"Peter is a great motivator, you know what he wants and what he expects to you", Dobson says of the Croatia boss.

"You know where you stand with him."

"As far as Robbie (Dunn) is concerned he has im-

proved a hell of a lot since he left Preston.

"Not in playing ability but he mentally matured.

"He's been a bit of a late developer but with his experience I regard him as one of the best stoppers in the land."

Melbourne Croatia's impressive first-team squad, including another ex-Preston team mate in Graham Heys, has a potential that impresses Dobson.

"The look of the squad at Croatia is tremendous and they should be higher up the league than they are", he says.

"The change of coaches wouldn't have helped them but I believe I can be involved in some success here."

"I'm 29 now and I'd like to win something and Melbourne Croatia has been a successful club and they always seem to win something each season."

"But I'm just pleased to start playing again."

"It was getting toward the transfer deadline and I'd started having thoughts of being out of the game this year", relieved Dobson explained.

As it is Dobson is back in business with a new lease of life and Preston might yet rue the day it unloaded this classy former club captain.



Greek scout Bill Papadimitriou circled at St George stadium to watch Sydney Olympic.

See story top left hand next page.

JOEYS IN WIN OVER SAUDIS

BY GREG RUSSELL IN MONTREAL

AUSTRALIAN Institute of Sport midfielder Steve Horvat gave his parents a dream welcome to Canada when he scored the winner in the Joeys' opening Junior World Cup 1-0 win over Saudi Arabia.

WORLD YOUTH CUP

Horvat's parents had only arrived in Montreal hours before the kick-off and the goal was exactly what they had come to see.

And their 16-year-old son could not have provided a more spectacular winner.

After the 6,000 sellout crowd had been disappointed by a dour earlier clash between tournament favourites France and Brazil, which ended in a scoreless draw, Horvat provided the magic everyone had been waiting for.

From a free kick just outside the penalty box, he curled the ball over the wall and his shot went in off the upright.

The goal was a reward for team coaches Vic Dalglish and Bruce Stowell, who a fortnight ago predicted more than half their team's goals could come from set plays and have concentrated on free kicks and corner kicks during training.

The win was a brilliant start to the tournament for the Joeys, who were given no chance of winning a group which contained soccer giants France and Brazil.

Before the tournament Australia and Saudi Arabia were regarded by the locals as the group also-rans.

But they turned on a performance which far overshadowed the earlier match.

The Saudis proved to be real surprise packets and their team included several players who were not only lightning quick but also possessed great skills, probably a testament to the growing number of Brazilian coaches in Saudi Arabia.

But despite being under some intense pressure for long periods, the Aussie kids stuck to their match plan and could have wrapped the game up much earlier than Horvat's goal.

As early as the sixth minute Australia nearly netted when Sam Richardson got on to a header but his attempt was brilliantly saved.

For the next 20 minutes it was West Wallsend

goalkeeper John Russell who kept Australia in the match, ably assisted by some fine defending from Tasmanian captain Dominic Longo and South Australian stopper Greg Mills.

Russell, who beat off a late challenge from Sydney Croatia's Mark Bosnich for the keeper's position, was in superb form.

He made great saves close in and a number of times raced to the edge of his box to block Saudi strikers who had sprinted away from the Australian defence.

So Close

But it was not all one-way traffic and the Aussie kids had their moments.

In the 31st minute from a Stephane Jee corner, Paul Rago from Melita backheaded at the nearpost and his attempt ran tantalisingly across the Saudi goal-mouth just awaiting a touch to put it into the net.

Five minutes into the second half Australia were denied what appeared a certain penalty.

Rago, who did a tremendous amount of work up front, broke through the Saudi defence then was barrelled by their keeper as he went to shoot.

Despite protests from the Australian players, Canadian referee Ivan



Under 16 coach
VIC DALGLEISH

Rago delightfully pushed a ball through the flat Saudi defence for the speedy Jee to race on to the pass with only the keeper to beat.

But the tiny Sydney Olympic winger got a touch of the nerves and with the keeper open to the chip, his shot went low and scraped past the far upright.

Keeper

For a long time after it looked like Australia might rue the miss as the Saudis came through in waves, but again Russell was outstanding and made two saves which had the sellout 6,000 strong crowd applauding wildly.

When the goal finally arrived Australia became the crowd favourites and were warmly supported to the end of the match, during which time they defended stoutly, playing with composure and experience beyond their years.

The opening match between France and Brazil, billed as a World Cup replay, was the biggest non-event of the tournament.

The two sides looked disjointed and lacked the skill and finesse many had expected.

Although the football was not helped by some atrocious refereeing, both teams played as a group of individuals and neither ever really looked like scoring.

Anything can happen in World Cup football and anyone would be foolish to write off either the French or the Brazilians.

But after the opening night, Australia - as they are everywhere in North America - were undoubtedly the flavour of the tournament and many were predicting the Joeys could go all the way.

FURTHER RESULTS

Results of today's (Wednesday) and Friday's matches will go to air as soon as possible after completion of the games on the following radio stations: 2UE Sydney, 3AK Melbourne, 4BC Brisbane, 5AD Adelaide and 6PM Perth.

ASW EXCLUSIVE!

HUGE KALANTZIS GREEK OFFER

TOPLINE Greek club Olympiakos has offered Sydney Olympic \$220,000 for their Socceroo left wing striker Chris Kalantzis.

The offer came out of the blue yesterday by telephone from Mrs Lula Daifas, the wife of the Olympiakos president. She is in charge of all club transfers.

Sydney Olympic will release Kalantzis if he wishes to go.

Of the \$220,000, a tidy \$50,000 would go to the player as signing on fee.

The salary would be \$1400 per month plus bonuses.

An offer of \$75,000 from AEK was of course turned down.

There will also be a late bid from Panathinaikos, as Bill Papadimitriou, their representative who was recently in Sydney, will be telephoning Sydney after our print deadline.

Transfers in Greece are about to close for the season.

— KEITH GILMOUR

KALANTZIS, DAKOS REVIEW

GREEK First Division clubs have been casting their eye over the Australian market. Claims of an offer of \$200,000 for Chris Kalantzis have been made.

In today's ASW picture Panathinaikos trainer Bill Papadimitriou (circled) checks the Sydney Olympic players over at St George Stadium.

Verdict? KALANTZIS — attractive player, needs a lot of coaching, talented and young.

TONY DAKOS — Good player, although did not do well on the day. He is not the sort of player we need at present.

Reports that Olympiakos is interested in Kalantzis are believed to be untrue.

However a late telephone enquiry over Kalantzis has been received from AEK official Jim Tyrovolas.

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CITIES REPRESENTED

AFTER reading David Andrew's article on W.A. Govt. and magnates' likely support Soccer (ASW, 1st July), I sincerely hope that common sense will prevail for the benefit of our game, and that administrators of Soccer in that State will accept this offer.

Soccer in its present format aimed mainly at our dwindling migrant community is stagnant and has no future.

This proposal should be further investigated by the Australian Soccer Federation, with the intention of creating a truly National Soccer League of clubs with no Ethnic connections whatsoever, comprising of a team from each capital city in Australia.

We could have 10 clubs made up from Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Adelaide, Hobart, Perth, Newcastle, Wollongong, Canberra or Geelong.

These teams will be run by their respective State Federations, (similar to state representative sides).

The best players available would be selected to play in what would be Australia's truly national competition.

To ensure success we must play this league between September and April with an evening kick off at the major Soccer stadium in each capital city.

LETTERS

Write to the ASW
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aren't counted.

We are all reading these every week and would like to know where the AIS boys are coming as two of the AIS boys are Queenslanders and people buy this paper to follow these boys.

Soccer must broaden its base and if this kind of competition is promoted properly then there is no reason why we can't be much more successful than either basketball, aussie rules, or rugby, with their National leagues.

Congratulations to the coach, manager and players of the under 15 Nepean side for putting on such an entertaining game of Soccer.

**Nepean Supporter
Kingswood, NSW**

POLISH COLLECTOR

MANY greetings for you from Poland!

I'm 25 years old and I'm the collector of football metal badges. In World football I'm interesting already seven years. It's a very curious activity for me.

If possible I ask you to publish my address in your sport-paper. I'll want

NSW YOUTH REFS

THIS letter is sent to you in regard to Youth League referee appointments at matches I know that you will say that there is a shortage of referees but my complaint is this.

Apia 13's have not had an official referee at any of their home games played this year at Lambert Park. In most of their away games somehow there always seems to be a referee and linesmen.

**J.F. Bochynski,
45-062, OPOLE,
KOSCIUSKI 44/43,
POLAND.**

AIS SUPPORTERS

AS a regular supporter of "Soccer Weekly" I would like to protest about the Victorian League score sheets of where they are on the tables.

Could you please put the AIS points on the table sheet even if these points

NSW YOUTH REFS

This Apia team has been state champions for the last two years, but for some reason do not come into consideration by the referees appointment committee.

I though politics was only at Canberra. But maybe I am wrong. Is it in sport?

**L. Troth
West Granville NSW**
[Certainly one for the appointments Board. — Ed]

Anyway we enjoy reading your paper but please put in AIS scores.

**Soccer Supporter
Strathpine
(name and address supplied).**

[Thank you for bringing the AIS position to note. We have requested our Victorian State League reporters to obtain the AIS information from coach, Ron Smith. — Ed]

Letters to the Editor

LETTERS to the Editor should be typed for preference and double-spaced. If a non-de-plume is to be used the name and address of the writer must be supplied — Ed.



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REF ATTACKED AS MARCONI GO DOWN

By FRANK COLETTA

THE potentially brilliant Marconi-Sydney Croatia game at the Marconi Stadium was spoilt in many ways — not the least by a poor refereeing performance from Sam Zoumas and a series of unsavoury incidents during and after the match.

Police at the match alleged that Zoumas was assaulted as he left his dressing room and the man in question had been taken to Fairfield police station.

Linesman Phil Torpy also claimed he had been struck on the head and legs with rocks during the game.

Croatia took the game 1-0 through a Zarko Odzakov penalty awarded in the 15th minute against Tony Henderson.

After the match the Marconi skipper was unable to give the reason why he was penalised, saying: "There was the usual jostling in the area but nothing that warranted a booking."

However it was

Croatia's chances that looked bleakest when David Rezo limped off with a badly torn hamstring after only three minutes.

"It's a bad tear," said Rezo, "I was going down after a challenge and I just felt it go. It might be about four weeks before I'm back."

On the quarter hour the visitors went ahead through Odzakov via the controversial penalty decision.

To make matters worse for the Fairfielders, Frank Farina was fighting a lone battle against three defenders up front and was constantly short of support in his forays at goal.

Robbie Wheatley summed it up afterwards: "We are finally getting there. But the blend won't come back overnight. To our credit though we're sticking at it and starting to improve."

With the referee seemingly losing his grip on the match the players became involved in skirmishes and Croatia's 22-year-old goalie Anthony Franken bore the brunt.

For all their attempts the Marconi side were unable to break through and were dealt a further blow when Craig Mason limped off with a hamstring tear early in the second half. But both Ian Gray (who was the best on the park) and Steve Calderan, although both being short of match fitness, came through the game unscathed.

MARCONI: James, Carter, Wheatley, Calderan, Henderson, Gomez, Mason (Rizzotto 52), Gray, Farina, Nastevski (Gunning 46), Maxwell.

SYDNEY CROATIA: Franken, Savor, Jennings, Rozic, Villetstra, Rezo (Lamond 3), Jones, Clinch, Slater, Odzakov, Arnold.

CROWD: 4221

Referee: S.Zoumas (Melbourne)
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PETER TSOLAKIS



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THE monkey that sits smugly on the back of Sunshine George Cross just keeps getting bigger.

And if the Chaplin Reserve crew can't soon shake themselves free of the beast the club can kiss goodbye its four years of NSL soccer.

In golfing terms it's called "choking" and even Australia's favourite son Greg Norman took many years before he broke free of the shackles.

Sunshine George Cross is in much the same position — winless after 12 games and crying out for a much needed confidence booster.

If Sunshine can win a game or two it will almost certainly lift the pall of

gloom that hangs over Chaplin Reserve.

But at the moment simply nothing will go right for the club and Lady Luck again deserted George Cross as it fell to a last gasp winner against Preston Makedonia last Sunday.

After a hard fought and evenly contested game Sunday's battle against Preston was there for the taking, as was the match a week previously against Footscray.

And like the game seven days before George Cross caved in when at least a point seemed theirs.

With just four minutes left to play Preston's Ron Campbell picked up a bobbling ball on the edge of the area and smacked a curling drive towards the far post to where Steve Smith was lurking and the latter finished with clinical precision.

Once again George Cross had managed to snatch defeat from the jaws of victory and club supporters were furious.

Noel Mitten has become one target of the boo-boys but, he says: "Soccer is a cruel game at times."

"But you've got to go out there and not worry

about what anybody's saying except your boss.

"It (the defeat) is typical of what's been happening to us this season — it's been unbelievable."

"Today we battled and fought and worked hard against a good side and matched them in every department but just nothing goes right for us."

Make no mistake though, Preston was worth its win and new coach Ernie Merrick seems to have his charges playing with new found confidence.

With five points from three games the relega-

STILL NO WINS

SUNSHINE HAVE A CROSS TO BEAR

By GREG BLAKE

THE monkey that sits smugly on the back of Sunshine George Cross just keeps getting bigger.

tion threat is virtually over for Preston and Merrick, with his team charged by impressive youngsters like George Petrov and Bill Piculovski, is reasonably looking toward shaping the final five.

Sunday's win was a nice way for Preston to celebrate Zoran Ilioski's milestone of 258 League matches to equal Joe Watson's NSL record.

SUNSHINE: Keogh, Taylor, Parson, Marth, Bain, Faulkner (Richardson 70th), McLaren, Mitten, Markovac, Trimboli, Mares.

PRESTON: Trianides, McLean, Ilioski, Piculovski, Jackson, Roodhouse (Jolevski 80th), Gojevic, Petrov, Campbell, Stewart, Smith.

Referee: C Bambridge. Crowd: 3,000 approx.

SOCER IS THE LOSER IN A SPITEFUL MATCH

By JAMES DOUGLAS

APIA coach Rale Rasic was not in a good mood, even though he had just watched his team maintain their three point lead at the top of the West End National League table with a gallant 1-0 win over Brunswick Juventus at Lambert Park.

Referee Rob Davies sent off Apia's Jean Paul de Marigny in the 50th minute and dished out 11 yellow cards in a spiteful match devoid of much football.

After the game, Rasic said it had been a poor advertisement for Soccer and there was no guessing where he was pointing the blame — at Juventus.

"We knew they would play that way," Rasic said. "How can you call that football?"

In the other dressing room, Juve coach Len McKendry was not prepared to accept any blame.

"I don't think you can point the finger our way," McKendry said.

Apia turned in a great effort to win with just 11 men and it typifies the great spirit Rasic has built at the club.

The winning goal came only minutes from fulltime when replacement Hilton Phillips crashed home the winner in the 88th minute.

It was an incredible performance from Apia.

They tried to play entertaining Soccer but were not allowed by the spoiling tactics of the Brunswick boys, who pushed and kicked everything on sight.

For the visitors it was incredible when, with 15 minutes to go and having one extra man, their coach gave the instruction to close the game

down.

For Apia all played the game of their lives, especially Bundalo in midfield. He was well supported by Zajmi, Ward and of course Charlie Yankos and captain Arno Bertogna.

You must give credit where credit is due and in this case it took real guts for Rasic to pull off Peter Katholos when he was playing so well.

But the requirements of the game was that he needed more speed in the forwards and that way he didn't hesitate to replace him with Phillips and that proved him right once again.

Brunswick were lucky not to have a player sent off.

Brunswick certainly played the worst Soccer seen at Lambert Park this year.

The kind of Soccer that turns supporters away from the turnstiles.

Apia remain undefeated and, while they continue to try and play entertaining football, they will deserve to stay on top of the table.

APIA: Pezzano, de Marigny (sent off 50th min), Yankos, Bertogna, Brown, Bundalo, Tredinnick, Zajmi, Butler, Ward, Katholos (Phillips 61st minute).

BRUNSWICK: Marama, Duratovic, Brown, Belic, Yzendoorn, Cullen, Incantalupo, Lane, Zinni, Palatsidis, McGrellis.

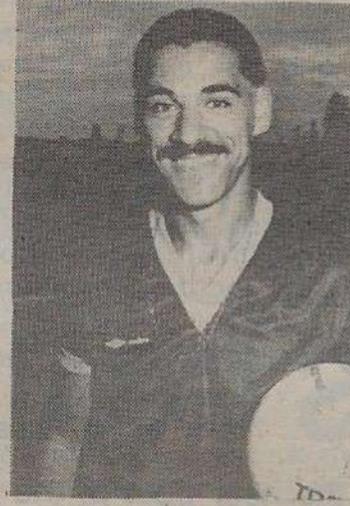
Yellow Cards: Brown, Belic, Lane, Cullen, Palatsidis, McGrellis (Juve). Yankos, de Marigny, Katholos, Tredinnick, Zajmi (Apia).

Referee: R. Davies. **Attendance:** 2,949.



STUART JOHNSTON and GEORGE HANIOTIS shut out South Melbourne's GARY McDOWALL.

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HILTON PHILLIPS



ROBBIE CULLEN



BURIM ZAJMI

HELLAS SNATCH DRAW

By JOHN ECONOMOS

SYDNEY OLYMPIC lost control in the last 25 minutes of the match to allow South Melbourne Hellas, playing as a unit, to snatch a 2-2 draw in the Greek Derby at the St George George Stadium.

On a heavy "wicket" Sydney Olympic's strikers couldn't unshackle themselves from South Melbourne's excellent defence. Veteran right-fullback Bobby Russell completely nullified left winger, Chris Kalantzis.

Despite my evaluation that he played well, Russell, last year's Rothmans Gold Medal winner, was self-critical, saying: "I felt it was not one of my best games. The track out there was surprisingly heavy."

Giant stopper for Souths, Stevie Blair, was also able to harness Olympic's dynamic striker

John Kosmina.

Olympic coach, Eddie Thomson, was far from happy, stating: "We lost possession too often in the second half to get away with a win."

"We played very well in the first session, but then again the free-kick from which Souths scored, should never have been given."

Olympic's young stopper George Haniotis, filling in for the injured David Ratcliffe, had a marvellous match.

Haniotis defended tightly, won everything in the air, tried to help his attack, managed to score

Olympic's first goal and went inches from scoring the winner with a blasting header which sailed just over the cross-bar late in the second half.

Souths hit the lead in the 25th minute when striker midfielder Richard Miranda crashed a free kick into the net from just outside the area.

Eight minutes from halftime, Haniotis latched onto a nice ball cut back by midfielder Stuart Johnston and smashed home a vicious first time blast to equalise.

Olympic's South American midfielder Vicente

Estavillo put his side ahead just two minutes before "drinks" when he streaked down the left side and veered into South's penalty area.

From 14 metres out, Estavillo clipped a delicate chip over goalkeeper Peter Laumets, who had come out from his "crease", to put Olympic ahead.

With Sydney Olympic playing with too much confidence in the second session, Souths dug in against the wind and put "bat and pad" against the home side's pressure.

In the 71st minute, Souths equalised through substitute striker, Danny Wright, who had replaced midfielder Dannie Cranie just eight minutes prior.

International midfielder Paul Wade swung a cross in from the left to striker, Charlie Egan who headed towards goals.

Giant goalkeeper, Gary Meier, partly blocked the header, allowing Wright to zip in and slam home from the scramble for possession.

Best performers for Olympic were Haniotis, sweeper Tony Dakos, midfielders Estavillo and Gary Phillips, whilst Souths' stars were defenders Russell and Blair, midfielder Miranda and strikers Egan and Stevenson.

SYDNEY OLYMPIC: Meier; Hooker, Coady, Haniotis, Dakos; Johnston (Patakos 84th), Raskopoulos, Estavillo, Phillips; Kosmina, Kalantzis.

SOUTH MELBOURNE: Laumets; Russell, Blair, McDowell, Postecoglou; Kalogeris, Wade, Miranda, Cranie (Wright 63rd); Stevenson, Egan.

Referee: B. Montevarde.

Yellow Cards: Johnston, Raskopoulos, Haniotis, Egan, Postecoglou, Stevenson.

Crowd: 4,590.



Sydney Olympic striker John Kosmina tries to round South Melbourne's experienced defender Bobby Russell.

CITY ON THE RISE DESPITE A DRAW

By TOM MCKAIN

ADELAIDE City seldom looked like scoring against Footscray on Sunday, but emerged with a 0-0 home draw and moved up the league table from fifth to fourth place on goal difference.

The champions have now failed to collect full points from two games which coach Zoran Matic was counting on winning — the previous round clash with St. George, lost 1-0, and the Footscray game.

The Victorians blanket covered every City move on Sunday and there was nothing the home side could do to counteract the tactics.

Indeed, they were lucky not to lose.

Footscray racked up six corners in the opening 26 minutes and it was only in the 41st City forced their first!

While City had few chances, Footscray blew theirs, and neither goalkeeper had anything worthwhile to do in the first half.

Footscray's Ernie Tapai attacked by Sergio Melta put the ball away for a corner and Aurelio Vidmar did the same when Victorian Oscar Cino got through.

But the Socceroo midfielder was little better than his national team mate for City, Charlie Villani.

Indeed, the star of the game was former Socceroo Kenny Murphy, who took charge of the midfield for Footscray and also played himself wide to send some threatening crosses from the left.

In the second half Tapai shot over the City bar and Zoran Dmitrijevic, Footscray's latest Yugan-

ov import, came up from his central defensive position to put the ball over the bar, while Warren Spink shot and headed wide as did Murphy with a blaster.

City, who stuck to their possession and switching game, could do nothing to break down the Footscray defence and when fullback Colin Miller crossed a perfect ball no one was there to stick it in the net.

It was the same story when leftback Alex Tobin managed an accurate cross over into the box.

Melta almost goaled late in the game for the homeside but was a boot too light to stick the ball in the net.

The best chance fell to Villani.

As the ball came over from the right he looked certain to score but stuck out a weak foot and watched the ball bobble over the bar.

Of the City players only front-runner Joe Mullen showed enough muscle and guile to beat the

Footscray defenders — and win a free kick from Sydney referee Arthur Owens who did anything but distinguish himself in front of both sets of supporters.

Home fans were also upset that City had fielded six of their stars — Adrian Santrac, Paul Shillabeer, Tobin, Villani, Paul Wilde and Vidmar — in the S.A. State League second division the day before, but coach Matic did not offer this as an excuse for not beating the second bottom team on the League ladder.

As it was he lost regular substitute Andy Toland injured in the lower league and had to recall Brian Northcote, out since April last year, to sit on the bench as Lemmy Vatsilas was out injured.

ADELAIDE CITY: McNally, Miller, Shillabeer, Nyskohus, Tobin, Villani, Melta, Santrac, Wilde, Vidmar.

FOOTSCRAY: Nikolic, Campbell, Dmitrijevic, Caric, Deankovic, Murphy, Bozinovski, Crino, Tapi, Ljubic and Spink.

REFEREE: A. Owens (Sydney).

YELLOW CARDS: Tapai, Bozilovski.

Attendance: 2,892

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DRAW IS NOT GOOD ENOUGH

By GRAHAME COOKE

INTER MONARO struggled back from the brink of what would have been a costly defeat to draw 1-1 with Wollongong Macedonia at the Marco Polo.

But a draw was not good enough for Monaro coach Vic Fernandez who described the performance as the worst of the season.

The home side was a goal down inside the four minute mark. Dean Gardiner was allowed to drift unmarked to the penalty spot where he headed a cross past Dennis Maricic without a challenge in sight.

Monaro came closest to a first half equaliser when Angelo Ambrosino struck a fierce free kick which beat Milenkovski all ends up but struck the foot of the post.

But generally it was Macedonia who made all the running and Mark Arthur had to move smartly to cut out Dean Gardiner after he had been put through by Brian Brown.

When the equaliser came it was a triumph of persistence for Vic Fernandez Junior. His first shot was saved by Milenkovski but he chased the ball wide on the right, brought it back in then sold the dummy to a couple of defenders before turning to slot his shot just inside the far post.

INTER MONARO: Maricic, Domazetovic, Gagetti, Arthur (Janke 46th), Colberaldo, Ambrosino, Monterosso, Panebianco, Perinovic, Fernandez, Giampolo.

WOLLONGONG MACE: Milenkovski, Muhlbauer, Campbell, Ruskin, Sweeney, Dafkofski, Willis, Giraldi, Gardiner, Brown, Kirwan.

TOP FOUR LOOKS CUT AND DRIED

AS ANTICIPATED, the top teams managed to scrape home and keep pace at the top of the ladder.

But, it wasn't all plain sailing with Wollongong City having to come from behind to defeat Canterbury and Melita struggling against the fast improving Uruguayan Penrith to score the winning goal late in the match.

Blacktown scraped home against Ku-Ring-Gai with a lone effort by Roy Cotton but the struggle of the day was at Seymour Shaw Park with Canberra notching an important 1-0 win over Sutherland.

One might conclude after round 18 of the State Bank League that at least top four positions have been cemented with the Demons, Wolves, Griffins and Eagles assured of play-off positions.

Sutherland, despite its loss against Canberra, is still poised for a spot in the top part of the table as is Rockdale Ilinden.

Rockdale is on a "roll" after scoring 10 goals in

the last two matches and hopeful of a top finish to the season. Markovski, Bottalico and Dounis scored two apiece to subdue the fast fading Manly Warringah.

Uruguayan Penrith and Ku-Ring-Gai are certain of finishing in the middle of the table despite their weekend losses, while Newcastle's young brigade continue to impress.

Newcastle brushed past Warringah Freshwater 4-3 last Saturday at Adamstown with John Cavanah scoring his first hat-trick for the club, helped with two penalties.

And this brings us to those who are set to fight against the relegation. Inter Monaro could manage only one point at home against fellow relegation strugglers Wollongong Macedonia.

A 6-0 loss by Manly against Rockdale must have been morale sapping for the Seasiders

and it would take some sort of a miracle to keep the club from dropping into deep water in the remaining rounds.

Eight losses and a draw in the last nine rounds and only three goals in over 800 minutes of football is not the remedy this club is looking for.

Warringah Freshwater is going through a slump mainly due to suspensions and injuries but it is expected that the team will survive the season.

Which brings us to Canterbury Marrickville, the side which has been strengthened by the arrival of Perdomo and Licata as well as the return of Nelio Borges.

Canterbury almost snatched a point away to Wollongong City and the result is certain to give the Berries further incentive to succeed.



Lou Dounis pictured during his days with Apia. He scored twice for his new club Rockdale.

DUNN'S GOAL VITAL

JASON DUNN rose at the near post in the 58th minute to send his header past Craig Burchmore for what might turn out to be the most important goal of the season for the Griffins.

Prior to this goal Canberra, minus star player-coach Augusto Palacios, failed to impress and at no stage looked like scoring.

With the wind behind its back the home side failed to capitalise but to the satisfaction of their band of supporters never allowed their opponents enough room to create an opening.

In the last 20 minutes Sutherland could have taken at least a point. Greg Lerond, the dynamic midfielder, broke through twice to face Economopoulos but failed to find the net.

The locals were incensed with a no penalty ruling after an alleged handball took place in-

side Canberra's penalty area.

Canberra also had its complaint fall on deaf ears after the visitors scored their second only to see it disallowed for offside.

In the end Canberra had the good fortune to have Economopoulos in goal as he made some good saves to keep the home side at bay.

SUTHERLAND: Burchmore, R.O'Shea, Seller, Terry, Nelson, J.O'Shea, Meades, Harrington, Lerond, Hall, Cavanah.

CANBERRA GRIFFINS: Economopoulos, Bryant, Mazis, Dunn, Hoogendoorn, P.Reis, Junne, Sermani, Wilcox, A.Reis, Gonzales.

CITY ARE WAY OFF FORM BUT STILL GET POINTS

Wollongong City Wolves struggled against Canterbury Marrickville Olympic last Sunday at the Wollongong Showground and rarely showed the style which brought them the two points a week ago against Blacktown City last week.

But they still managed to take the points with Giacomo Morlando

scoring the winning goal one minute into the second half.

Rade Stefanovski was the toast of Wollongong last Sunday as he provided the spade work for all the Wolves goals.

His cross in the third minute saw Randell Easthorpe running in to score the opening goal and his 11th of the season.

Only three minutes later Alvaro Perdomo made it 1-1 after Young failed to hold a shot.

Perdomo shocked the home side in the 15th minute curling his free kick away from Young to make give his side an unexpected lead.

Young chimed in to intercept a promising move then sent his long clearance in search of the fleet footed Giraldi and Easthorpe. The ball ran to Stefanovski who cut his

cross for Roberto Giraldi to head past Hummell for the equaliser.

Ninety seconds into the second half Stefanovski floated a free kick to the far post and Morlando made no mistake with his header for the winner.

Canterbury lost not only the game but strong defender Con Eftimides, who was sent off with 10 minutes left after punches were thrown.

Players from both sides joined in but the referee was quick to restore order, then send Eftimides off the park.

WOLLONGONG CITY: Young, Skeen, Hollfield, Dickson, Morlando, Cokely, Ainsworth, Stefanovski, Easthorpe (75th Kotamandilis), Giraldi, Brodnik.

CANTERBURY M'VILLE: Hummell, Zulj, Abu Arage (55th Phillipou), Vandarakis, Eftimides (sent off 80th), Borges, George, Kalogeras, Arambasic, Perdomo, Licata.

ROCKDALE: Zic, Boogaard (Mitrevski), J.Wilson, D.Wilson, Rodas, Torteveski, Nastoski, Darlington (69th Genovese), Bottalico, Dounis, Markovski.

MANLY: Tingle, Juergens, Dennis, Pearce, Williamson, Rimmer, Carrick, Stuart, Cimarosti, Etherington, Ferguson (60th Loughran).

CAVANA STARS

NEWCASTLE scored its eighth win of the season last Saturday at Adamstown with John Cavanah helping himself to his first hat-trick for the club.

the sixth and De Ceglie equalising in the 14th.

Warringah took the lead after 37 minutes with Martin Driene scoring his first goal of the season.

But the home side came back with yet another penalty after 50 minutes through Cavanah, then some eight minutes later it was Cavanah again who scored to give his side a 3-2 lead.

Three minutes further on and Caisley goaled to put the home side two goals up, but Radosavljevic made it 4-3 from the spot to stage a scene for a whirlwind finish.

NEWCASTLE: Grills, Roberts, Milosevic, Bowen, M.Drysdale, Panagoulis (Rowney 46th), Gresham, N.Drysdale, Cavanah, Calsley, Bland.

WARRINGAH FRESHWATER: Warren, Cassachia, Watt, Corrigan, Radosavljevic, Knight, Gillian, Driene, Porter, De Ceglie, Lucchesi.

STATE LEAGUE DIV 1 GR 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Blacktown City	18	14	1	3	42	10	29
Canberra Griffins	18	13	3	2	38	15	29
Wollongong City	18	13	2	3	42	25	28
Melita Eagles	18	11	3	4	36	22	25
Sutherland Shire	18	6	7	5	22	25	19
Newcastle	18	8	1	9	30	33	17
Rockdale Ilinden	17	7	2	8	29	19	16
Uruguayan Penrith	18	6	3	9	30	34	15
Ku-Ring-Gai	17	5	5	7	21	25	15
Warringah F/Water	18	5	2	11	17	27	12
Inter Monaro	15	3	5	7	23	39	11
Canterbury M'ville	18	3	5	10	18	37	11
Manly Warringah	17	5	1	11	13	33	11
Wollongong Mace	18	2	4	12	13	31	8

RESULTS ROUND 18

NEWCASTLE 4 (Cavanah 3, Caisley) **WARRINGAH** 3 (De Ceglie, Driene, Radosavljevic).

ROCKDALE 6 (Bottalico 2, Markovski 2, Dounis 2)

MANLY 0.

KU-RING-GAI 0 **BLACKTOWN CITY** 1 (Cotton)

MELITA EAGLES 2 (Griffiths, Brown) **PENRITH** (Batten).

INTER MONARO 1 (Fernandez) **WOLLONGONG**

MACE 1 (Gardiner) **WOLLONGONG CITY** 3 (Easthorpe, Giraldi, Morlando) **CANTERBURY** 2 (Perdomo)

SUTHERLAND 0 **CANBERRA** 1 (Dunn)

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TESTING TIME FOR THE WOLVES

WOLLONGONG CITY Wolves will have to show all their grit and determination if they are to make inroads against Canberra Griffins at Bruce Stadium next Sunday.

In fact John Fleming, the Wolves coach, will take his side to Canberra next Saturday to have his team fully rested for the match the following day.

It is going to be a bruising affair with neither side giving an inch. The game will be worth four points to the winner but at this stage it is difficult to predict the winner.

Much will depend on the appearance of Augusto Palacios, the sharpness of Alan Reis and the creativity of Tom Sermani for Canberra Griffins. On the other hand Roberto Giraldi and Randell Easthorpe are certain to provide more than a handful for the locals.

MELITA ARE MADE TO STRUGGLE

MELITA Eagles struggled for points against Uruguayan Penrith at Melita Stadium last Sunday with Greg Brown notching a late winner.

It was a hard and eventful tussle with Leonel Arcosa receiving his marching orders after 27 minutes for an over enthusiastic tackle on Ray Farrugia.

It was an uphill struggle for Uruguayan from then on but the side showed rare determination to fight Melita all the way.

Uruguayan coach Raul Blanco was the first to congratulate the winners

So far the pair has netted 21 goals between them and must rate a chance to beat Economoupolous.

I must lean towards the home side with a record home crowd on hand to add to the appeal.

Blacktown should have an easy passage past Inter Monaro. The visitors will be tested against Ku-Ring-Gai in the postponed match the previous day and one would hardly expect the same outfit to rise to the occasion and stop the League leaders the following day.

Melita Eagles should breeze past Newcastle at Adamstown, as is expected of Wollongong Macedonia against Manly

Warringah.

Warringah Freshwater and Sutherland will be involved in a close struggle with Sutherland the favourite but it would not surprise if Freshwater takes at least one point at Grahame's Reserve.

Ku-Ring-Gai will have a difficult weekend. After meeting Inter Monaro at Parklands this Saturday the Chasers will face Canterbury at Arlington. Three points out of these two matches is not beyond Ku-Ring-Gai particularly if Craig Bass returns.

Rockdale Ilinden and Uruguay will draw in a highly entertaining game and one would suspect a lot of goals.



Wollongong City coach John Fleming.

UNLUCKY PENRITH

games where chances came and those who take them win games. Melita took two and we managed only one," lamented Blanco.

Arcosa certainly didn't help matters by leaving his side short.

Barry Hoare dived at the feet of Meerbanji early, then Gosling made his first in a string of superb saves to keep the scoreline blank.

Greg Brown missed in

the 30th after beating O'Donnell then McKie missed by firing straight at Gosling in the 31st.

Following a cross by Wayne Farnsworth in the 44th Hoare fumbled and Billy Griffiths raced in to score.

Brett Woods provided the spade work for Penrith's equaliser in the 52nd. His cross found David Batten and his shot rocketed into the net.

With nine minutes re-

maining Melita struck a winner. A free kick on the edge of the penalty area was taken by Greg Brown. The man who has struck woodwork more times than the net did not fail on this time. His shot eluded Hoare.

MELITA EAGLES: Gosling, Williams, Meerbanji, Griffiths, Wilson, Farrugia, Rodrigues, Vial, Brown, Callanan, Farnsworth.

URUGUAYAN PENRITH: Hoare, Woods, Bourke, O'Donnell, Gonzales, Arcosa (sent off 27th), Batten, Bradley, Hunter, Genc (60th Kralovic), McKie.

BLACKTOWN GET THEIR REVENGE

BLACKTOWN CITY Demons scored a narrow but satisfying victory at Parklands to avenge a defeat at the hands of the Chasers in the first round earlier this year.

Roy Cotton scored the winning goal after 22 minutes. A long clearance was badly missed by a Ku-Ring-Gai defender leaving Cotton to play an easy one-two with Adam Sandy before beating Lacey.

The home side made some early inroads with Glen Jeffery going close to scoring in the sixth, then Steve Watson making a superb save from Nile in the 15th.

But the glory was short lived for the locals as Cotton struck then Nile had to go off injured.

Blacktown assumed control of the game and had further opportunities to increase the score, alas their finishing was a little off target.

Grant Lee scored in the 62nd but was judged offside, then only a minute later and another chance went begging as Lee arrived a fraction late to slip his shot home.

Further chances in the 65th and 75th for the visitors saw the ball sail well over the bar then Kurt Reynolds rattled the woodwork with a fine header in the 82nd.

Ku-Ring-Gai refused to

give in and almost snatched a point with two minutes left.

A 25 metre drive by Goldsworthy surprised Steve Watson but he managed to take the ball at a second attempt perilously close to the line.

For Blacktown, despite the closeness of the result it was a satisfying win which keeps the side at the top of the table.

For Ku-Ring-Gai without three of its regulars including Bennett and Bass the result was also satisfying despite the loss.

After all, losing to the table toppers and by an odd goal is certainly not soul destroying.

KU-RING-GAI: Lacey, Kevern, Goldsworthy, Laurie, Pepper, Sutherland, Quigley, Berry, Camburn, Jeffery, Nile (26th McKegan).

BLACKTOWN CITY: Watson, Maier, Denyer, Reynolds, Northam, Byrne, Kay, Lee, Sandy, Cotton, Van Blerk (81st Ellem).

THE TOP SCORERS

15: A. Reis (CG); 11: R. Easthorpe (WC); 10: Giraldi (WC); 9: Bottalico (RI); 8: Jeffery (K), Brown (ME), Caisley (N), Reynolds (BC); 7: Kay (BC), Rodrigues (ME), Batten (UP); 6: Vial (ME), Penfold (N), Dounis (RI), McKie (UP), Ainsworth (WC).

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Polonia

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Harold Read Res

Port Hacking

Seymour Shaw

Rooty Hill

Cawarra Park

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Garside Park

MACCABI DESERVE A POINT

By DIANNE MOORE

EVEN though they are in a position to be relegated Sydney Maccabi were fighting for their life and deserved the point in their 1-1 draw with Yugal.

The first half of the game gave Yugal a few opportunities to score but the forwards gave them away so easily. Frank Villastro had two good chances but hit the side net both times.

Chris Card headed the

ball over the bar and in other situations full points went to the Maccabi goalkeeper for his excellent performance.

On the other hand Maccabi had a couple of chances to score but Yugal's goalkeeper was too

good. Maccabi scored the first goal of the match within 10 minutes of the second half through a mistake by Yugal's defence. Yugal equalised with a penalty which came from

a hand ball. Eddie Tahor was the scorer sending the goalkeeper the wrong way.

All credit should go to Maccabi's effort on the day while Yugal have to look at the performance of some players before the next round.

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GULLY, FAWKNER GAME IS A BIG HIGHLIGHT

By LES SHORROCK

IT HAD to happen, sooner or later of course, Green Gully's unbeaten record had to fall.

The only surprise about Gully's defeat was that it happened at home and to a team that would have been happy to settle for a point.

But at least the defeat has injected new life into the State League's top four struggle.

Only three points separate the top four with Caulfield breathing down their necks a further two points away.

There should be some stirring struggles this weekend with most attention focused on the Fawkner v Green Gully clash at Smith Reserve.

CARLO del PORTO and LES SHORROCK provide a snappy look at the Buffalo Sports Victorian State League first division competition.

Mariobnong Polonia takes on Springvale at home and won't find it easy but its task should be eased somewhat with the automatic suspension of Vale's Bob Morrey and Rob Stewart, who were both sent off last week.

St Albans faces a tough game against improving Frankston Pines and Caulfield should beat relegation-bound Broadmeadows.

Andy Edwards, who failed to find form with George Cross, didn't take long to hit his straps with new club Western Suburbs.

He hammered a hat-trick as Wests trounced Northcote City, the club where three committee men pick the team.

The odd spot of the round was that rarity, an own goal by a goalkeeper — the unfortunate custodian was Wests' Spiro Kardamitis.

EDWARDS GETS THREE

WESTERN Suburbs crushed Northcote 4-1 in the Greek Derby at the John Cain Reserve last Saturday.

A classy hat-trick from ex-Sunshine George Cross striker Andy Edwards was the highlight of the afternoon.

Suburbs were the more impressive outfit from the kick-off and they opened the scoring in the fifth minute when Alex Kountouris latched on to a low cross from fullback Billy Hamill to beat Northcote keeper Mark Turudia at his near post.

Northcote responded positively but one could see that Suburbs were content to absorb the pressure and counter attack in an effort to catch the home side out.

This is exactly what happened in the 24th minute when Edwards got on the end of a Suburbs counter attack to slide the ball past Turudia.

Meanwhile at the other end Suburbs keeper Spiro Kardamitis was keeping Northcote out with some reflex saves which thrilled the fans of both teams.

Ironically an error by Kardamitis helped bring Northcote back into the game when he allowed a Juan Toro corner to slip through his hands.

The second half was disastrous for Northcote as nearly every attack broke down and again they were punished.

Edwards headed a long throw high into the back of the net in the 52nd minute to beat Turudia again.

Then when most players were feeling the effects of the heavy pitch on their weary legs Edwards showed his class and stamina once again when he easily outpointed the Northcote defence to shoot his team to a 4-1 victory and a well earned hat-trick.

Suburbs coach Billy Johnson was full of praise for Edwards. He told me after the game: "Andy really proved how good he is today and I'm elated with his effort but also that of the whole team."

In the last part of the game Polonia desperately held out and indeed they had to face the last seven minutes without midfielder Flavell who had been sent off after a double booking.

THOMASTOWN: Raponi, Planalto, McMillan, Higgins, Cosentino, Christaldo, Jankulovski, Carfora, Coyle (Arcoraci 73rd), Athersych, McGuinness.

POLONIA: Kostrzewska, Liplarski, Smolarek (Baran 78th), Bennett, Kotzamichalis, Flavell, Nelson, Lekic, Wiczlak (Czarnik 71st), Warzawski, Storm.

WESTERN SUBURBS: Kardamitis, MacLeod, Hamill, Dimovski, Esposito, Kountouris, Cotsanis (Minh 75th), Culien, Tuck, Edwards, Pearce.



Paul Harris heads clear from a rival.

DRAW A FAIR RESULT

THOMASTOWN and Polonia drew 0-0 in a tightly fought encounter at Partridge Reserve last Sunday.

Both teams had chances but overall the final result was a fair indication of how even this match was.

Polonia are now only one point off top team Green Gully and they can feel happy with their efforts against Thomas-

town as it is always difficult for visiting teams to win there.

The best clear-cut chance of the first half fell to Gordan Flavell who snuck through the Thomastown defence but he was stopped by keeper Raponi who came out of

his box and foiled the Polonia midfielder.

The first 45 minutes saw Thomastown with more of the play but unable to make inroads into the Polonia defence.

After halftime the game became a better contest as both teams desperately searched for the breakthrough.

In the 51st minute Polonia missed a golden chance when Storm tried to outfox keeper Raponi with a lob from just 10 metres out but the Thomastown keeper managed to tip the dangerous shot over the bar.

The home team did not create clear-cut chances although they had 11 corners to one during the game indicating their territorial advantage.

Thomastown's best chance came four minutes from the end when striker Kevin Carfora got on the end of a cross to head what looked like a certain goal but his header was brilliantly saved by ace Polonia keeper "Barney" Kostrzewska.

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STATE LEAGUE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Green Gully	18	9	8	1	27	14	26
Mariobnong	18	10	5	3	29	21	25
Fawkner	18	9	5	4	26	18	23
St. Albans	18	9	5	4	24	18	23
Caulfield City	18	7	7	4	24	18	21
Box Hill	18	5	7	6	22	18	17
Thomastown	17	6	5	6	18	23	17
Oakleigh	17	7	2	8	26	26	16
Springvale City	17	5	6	6	20	20	16
Morwell Falcons	18	5	6	7	18	18	16
Frankston Pines	18	6	4	8	25	30	16
Croydon City	19	3	10	6	16	22	16
Western Suburbs	18	6	3	9	24	27	15
Northcote City	17	4	3	10	16	34	11
Broadmeadows	18	3	2	13	17	29	8

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MIRACLE MUD MATCH

DESPITE the 0-0 scoreline the Croydon-Caulfield match was a very entertaining encounter, mainly due to the fact that the muddy ground gave both defences plenty of anxious moments.

With both teams committed to attack and defensive errors abounding, it was a miracle that both goals survived intact.

Croydon should have

taken the lead after 15 minutes when Ian Marshall was tripped in the penalty area by Angie Koutos.

Graham French hit the penalty well but Robert Madjer guessed correctly and saved.

Croydon maintained its superiority, but squandered its chances with Alan Redmond and French the principal offenders.

And for a refreshing change, both coaches praised referee Jim Fearn for his handling of the game.

CROYDON: Waterman, Beech, Brack, O'Reilly, Tansey, Redmond, Marshall, Cooper (34th), O'Shea (74th), Van Egmond, Livingstone, French, Brogan.

CAULFIELD: Madjer, Micheal (Sahinidis 30th), Harris, Koutos, Filippou, Theocaris, M Hamakiotis, Bitsonis, Griffin, Pappas (C Hamakiotis 67th).

CON PAPPAS of Caulfield.

COACH PRAISES AIS

AFTER seeing his team lose 2-0 to the A.I.S. Oakleigh coach Tom Robertson said: "The AIS are a very skilful and organised group of youngsters."

"They have everything - talent, speed and discipline."

But he added: "I still believe if the games they played were for 'real' points things might be different."

"I don't want to take anything away from the youngsters but we did not have the same commitment today as in other weeks went the two points are actually at stake."

For Robertson next week's Greek Derby against arch-rivals West-

ern Suburbs is an all important clash for his team.

If they win they still have an outside chance to reach the top four.

Last Sunday's game however was a marvellous spectacle for the few fans that made the journey.

They witnessed the future of Australian soccer on show.

The game was virtually over at halftime after Edwards and Foster had shot the A.I.S. into a 2-0 lead which they never looked like surrendering.

In a parting remark Robertson added: "While the A.I.S. have shown that they are a great team today we did not have Ally Dick who was injured and we took off Sandy Irvine at half-time as a precaution so we didn't really have our strongest team in the second half."

OAKLEIGH: Clarke, Langsbury, Kalifatidis, Lazopoulos, Papparis, Anderiotis, Ross, Politis, Irvine, Gurillas, Laletas, Cumming, Zagoulis.

AIS: Gunning, Healy, Clarkson, Cole, Cummings, Koch, Gibson, Polack, P. Foster, C. Foster, Edwards, Movar, Mirolaou.

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NO TITLE BOOST FOR ST ALBANS

ST. ALBANS carved out a disappointing 1-0 win over Fawkner in a clash that did nothing to boost the title chances of either team.

With strikers of the calibre of Doug Brown, Dennis Morovic and Ian Tuffield on the field, we should have had a feast of goals but we didn't.

In fact by my notebook, the two goalkeepers made only one save each during the game which had to be decided by a solitary penalty.

Maybe it was a rock-hard ground, maybe it was over zealous refereeing, but whatever the cause, it was very poor fare for the top of the State League.

St. Albans played its best soccer in the opening half hour, and gained its penalty in the 33rd minute when Ivan Duzel

went down in the box for a second time to earn referee Barry Grant's nod.

Morovic sent Richard Wilson the wrong way, and nothing of note happened in the remaining 57 minutes.

Fawkner coach Frank McAleer who said earlier in the season that his team was the only one capable of catching Green Gully, was bitterly critical of the referee.

However St. Albans coach Tony Vrzina was a little more diplomatic, saying: "If the ref hadn't given us a penalty I wouldn't have complained."

Vrzina laid the blame for Fawkner's loss on its strange tactics.

"Everybody knows Ian Tuffield is fantastic at reaching high balls," he said. "I was worried before the game because we are very weak at coping with high crosses."

"So it was great relief to me to see Tuffield hidden in the midfield. He's not a midfielder, he's a striker."

ST ALBANS: Grgic, Colina, Kuzman, Krajacic, Dragovic, Duzel, Batilovic, Culina (Kelic 70th), Morovic, Runje, Rastocic (Gugala 70th).

FAWKNER: Wilson, Walsh, Bordin, Fattore, Schipano (Pallinkas 60th), Sabatino, Verechia, Cozzella, Tuffield, Brown, Ferla.



Polonia Kees Storm rises above Box Hill's Dean Hennessy.

GULLY GO DOWN

GREEN GULLY'S unbeaten record went west — or to be geographically correct, East in the boilover of the round.

Morwell Falcons, whose form to put it mildly, has been inconsistent came to Gully Reserve no doubt hopeful of gaining a point and went away happily with two.

And there was no fluke about it either!

Gully was in trouble from the second minute of the game when Steven Douglas' injudicious back pass completely beat his goalkeeper Lou Denys.

Gully's home ground hoodoo had struck again, and although the leaders have several times come from behind to win, this was not to be one of those occasions.

To rub salt into the wound, Falcons' coach Dave O'Connor, disappointed with their form had dropped two of his most experienced players, Gerry Clarke and Ian Stirton.

All the Green Gully team had an off day, and



Green Gully defender David Hogben

to make matters worse, young John Grimaud came off with a broken nose.

Falcons' hero was young Manny Gotis who blotted out Tommy Cumming, no mean feat that.

Another local youngster who shone was Eric Sostak, the replacement for Ian Stirton, who scored in the 75th minute to crown a memorable debut.

After the game, Gully coach Gus MacLeod, devastatingly honest as ever, described his team's performance as rubbish.

"There aren't any excuses at all," he said.

"We were well beaten, but it might be all for the best. Now we can tackle Fawkner this week without that unbeaten tag hanging round our necks."

GREEN GULLY: Denys, Hogben (McClelland 65th), Cannell, Douglas, O'Donnell, Quigley, Carter, Grimaud (Zemunski 75th), Cumming, Sweeney, Ward.

MORWELL: Eacott, Bingham, Tutili, Bruns, Gotis, E Cassar, O'Callaghan, T Cassar, Sostak (Colocciello 77th), Webster, Vezzina.

They are doomed to the First Division in 1988 but what was disconcerting was the way they surrendered on Sunday.

As Pines coach Danny McMinimee said: "We were expecting a tough game knowing their desperation but they really played like a team facing relegation."

Broadmeadows' bad luck began early when veteran defender Peter Donaldson slipped and handled the ball in his penalty box and the referee had no hesitation in awarding the spot kick.

Buchanan made no mistake to open the scoring.

Broadmeadows rallied but as has been the case for most of the year they couldn't find the back of the net.

Any hopes they had of a revival were firmly dealt with on the hour when a slick move from Frankston's Watson and Smith provided striker David Ferris with ample time to slot away his team's second goal with the

Broadmeadows defence at sixes and sevens.

For the winners next year promises to be a healthy one as they obviously have some extremely talented youngsters coming up who should be ready to hold

their own in the State League.

BROADMEADOWS: Pace, Smart, D. Blair, Higham, Donaldson, S. Blair, Vizzini, T. Ciantar, Gregurczuk, J. Ciantar, Liberto (Kadlecik 70), Nolan.

FRANKSTON PINES: Radov, Thurlow, McDonough, Watson, Parks, Buchanan, Bozic, Bentley (Miller 60), Ferris, Armstrong, Smith (McGinnigle 70).

VICTORIAN FIXTURES

VIC STATE LEAGUE
SATURDAY JULY 18th RD 20
Frankston Pines v St Albans
Caulfield City v Broadmeadows
Morwell Falcons v Thomastown.

VIC STATE LEAGUE
SUNDAY JULY 19th
Western Suburbs v Oakleigh,
Fawkner v Green Gully AIS v
Croydon City, Box Hill v Northcote
City, Maribyrnong v Springvale
City.

VIC LEAGUE DIV 1
SATURDAY JULY 18th RD 17
Nunawading City v Richmond,
Essendon City v Sm Mordialloc,
Doncaster Rovers v Sunbury United,
Knox City v Werribee, Altona
Gate v North Dandenong.

SUNDAY JULY 19th
Ringwood City v Albion Rovers,
Melbourne v Bulleen.

VIC LEAGUE DIV 2
SATURDAY JULY 18th RD 17
Doveton v Mornington,
Mooroobark v North Geelong,
Eltham v Prahran City, Clifton Hill v
Ringwood United, Waverley City v
Sandringham, Westgate v Hamlyn
Rangers, Altona City v Dandenong
City.

VIC LEAGUE DIV 3
SATURDAY JULY 18th RD 17
Corio-Geelong United v Rosanna,
Geelong v Springvale United,
Clarendon v Yarraville, Port Melbourne v West Brunswick, Keilor v Yallourn, Moorabbin City v Ferntree Gully, Moreland Park Rangers v Bell Park.

VIC LEAGUE DIV 4
SATURDAY JULY 18th RD 17
Langwarrin v Lalor United,
Keysborough v Prahran, Holland
Park v Williamstown, Diamond
Valley Utd v Pascoe Vale, Boronia v Seaford, Hawthorn v East Brunswick, Coburg v Karingal United.

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NO SPITE DESPITE DISMISSELS

DESPITE the fact that two players were sent off, the stirring, no quarter given encounter between Springvale and Box Hill was quite devoid of spite.

Springvale dominated the first half and went in for the break two goals up, with its diminutive winger Paul Hennessy having scored in the 25th and 35th minutes.

At that stage the home side looked like running away with the game, and indeed Greg House should have put it three up straight after the break.

But Box Hill kept plug-

ging away and gradually came back into the picture.

Steve Brimmer raised the Hillmen's hopes with a goal in the 60th minute.

Referee Bernie Upjohn, to his credit, had contributed to a good hard game by allowing the play to flow.

But by the 75th minute he must have decided that enough was enough,

and he gave Springvale's Bob Morrey his marching orders.

Five minutes later he reached for the red card again.

Robbie Stewart had been fouled and awarded a free kick, but in the melee that followed, was adjudged to have struck a Box Hill player and so off he went to join Morrey.

Down to nine men, Springvale fought on

FRANK AROK, St George's manager, paid startling compliments last night to Apia, his team's opponents for Sunday's match at Lambert Park.

By JOHN ECONOMOS

Apia, the only team of any major first grade code of football in Australia to still remain undefeated, will be without two key players.

Enterprising left-back, Jean-Paul De Marigny and constructive left-midfielder, Peter Tredinnick, will both be missing.

De Marigny is out, having received a red card last Sunday against visiting Brunswick Juventus, and Tredinnick also will be suspended, having amassed 12 penalty points.

Arok last night told ASW: "Apia is the best team in Australia."

"They are too experienced and too strong for us."

"Apia is a team that even when it is not playing well, still are able to pick up points."

"We must make certain that we are not given a hiding by their experienced players."

"Apia has spent almost \$200,000 on signings against St George's \$40,000."

Rale Rasic, Apia's coach, however did not seem unduly worried about the loss of his two stars for next Sunday.

Rasic told ASW last night: "As part com-

pensation, we will have Rod Brown back in the side and our other striker, Hilton Phillips is well overdue for a full match."

"Hilton has made a dramatic recovery following surgery on his knee and last Sunday played half a game and scored the winner for us."

"We beat St George in the first round 3-1 in a match which saw Rod score a double and Hilton the other."

"But we cannot deny that Saints have been very successful lately and we hope that Sunday's

match will be of a high standard."

Apia, with 20 points from 12 matches, still leads the West-End National Soccer League competition outright from Sydney Croatia who are three points behind in second spot.

St George, with 13 points from 12 games, have made a bigger comeback than Lazarus.

Saints have climbed out from the depths of the relegation zone and edged themselves into joint-fourth spot.

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ASW**



This week the former Socceroo skipper looks at the Indoor game, TV ads and the three point system.

TONY PEZZANO, TAKES THE OSCAR

THE Oscar winning performance by Apia's goalkeeper Tony Pezzano in the nationwide NEC television advertisements begs the question as to why my of our current players aren't utilised by the media.

Or more to the point why Soccer is not pushing our stars into media outlets to develop the "stars" and names we so desperately need.

I cannot recall an era when Australian Soccer had a more impressive bunch of presentable, young, articulate players who ooze star quality.

Crino, Farina, Franken, Wheatley, Pezzano to mention just a few have what it takes.

And if the media and advertising outlets are going to ignore us as usual surely its time both the ASF and WENSL set about marketing what really are very marketable products.

As a bunch our Soccer players are better looking, better educated, more presentable than any of the other football codes.

In this respect I once again applaud Pezzano and the move of the VSF to

appoint Jeff Olver, Australian Soccer's "hero of the moment" as their development officer.

Olver should have other current and former Socceroos working all round the nation in a development capacity, talking to public gatherings, parents and most importantly the kids themselves.

Most players, who can't hold down normal jobs with their Socceroo (I'm sorry Winfield Socceroo) commitments, would jump at the chance to the part time promotional arena for our game.

The expense involved would not be horrendous but the rewards to the game immeasurable.

Congrats!

On the matter of promotion and kids I once again have to congratulate the Marconi Club, the club that does most things right on their

initiative in putting on school holiday camps for our young players.

School holiday camps should be compulsory for all clubs and the ASF.

As a close observer of what other sports do it is not an understatement to say that in schoolboy (and schoolgirl) promotions we are getting killed by other sports particularly Australian football in Sydney with the activities of the Sydney Swans.

Marconi's lead should be followed.

Down — Not Out

I continue to be impressed with the spectator attraction of Indoor Soccer and it has nothing to do with my minimal involvement with the game in this country.

The recently concluded Pacific Indoor Soccer Cup in Canberra was first class entertainment especially the final night when a brave and somewhat unlucky Australia went down in overtime to the skilled Mexican national team.

INDOOR — GAME OF THE FUTURE

THE Australian sporting world is going to hear a lot more about Indoor Soccer.

Futsal, or Saloon Football as it is known in the 56 other countries throughout the world where it is a major participant and spectator sport, is relatively new to the Australian sporting scene.

There are various forms of the indoor game.

The North American or English variety is played with perimeter walls.

Futsal or International Rules Indoor Soccer played in most countries, including Australia, is played on an area roughly the same size as a tennis, volleyball or basketball court.

It has no perimeter walls and is played with a smaller, heavier ball.

Futsal has its origins in Brazil, the current world champions, where there are 14.6 MILLION registered players.

That's almost more registered indoor Soccer players than the entire Australian population.

Due to a lack of playing fields as we know them, all Brazilian youngsters are brought up on Futsal perhaps explaining the reason

for the unique skills of Brazilian footballers.

Pele, Zico and company are all products of Futsal.

Australia has 112,000 male and female players and is truly one of the boom sports in Australia.

In 1988 Australia will host the third World Cup — not surprisingly Brazil were World champions in the previous two World Cups.

I first became aware of Futsal on a seven week study tour of Brazil three years ago.

I became an immediate fan.

The purpose of the trip apart from marvelling at the magnificent stadia — Rio's Maracana capacity 210,000 and Sao Paulo's 150,000 capacity stadium, was to seek the key to Brazil's traditional ability to produce generation after generation of the world's

most skillful footballers.

There are many reasons for this, none more so than the fact that they are all raised on indoor Soccer.

Benefits

Now, thankfully, the craze has hit Australia — one hopes with similar benefits to our outdoor game.

Not only is the indoor game up and running in a spectacular way in a participation sense in Australia.

The recently concluded inaugural Pacific Indoor Soccer Cup in Canberra along with last year's James Hardie National Indoor Soccer League erased any doubts I had that the game has enormous spectator appeal.

Australia, Canada, the United States, New Zealand, Mexico and Japan took part in the PACIFIC Cup with Australia and Mexico reaching the final, won by Mexico in extra time.

Just under 3000 fans braved the sub zero tem-

peratures in the national capital to watch the mid week final and none were disappointed.

Most said it rivalled the home games of NBL leaders, the Canberra Cannons.

I would think that properly marketed and promoted, Indoor Soccer can emulate, if not surpass, the splendid deeds of national basketball.

It is fast, exciting, entertaining, free scoring, skillful and, being indoors, provides twenty first century facilities for spectators.

The 1987 James Hardie National Indoor Soccer League with teams from Perth, Brisbane, Sydney, Melbourne, Canberra, Geelong, Wollongong, Bundaberg and Adelaide will be the test.

So, too, will next year's World Cup when 16 of the top nations try to prise the championship from Brazil.

Irrespective I'm certain Australian sports fans are going to hear, and see, a lot of Futsal, or Indoor Soccer, in the very near future.



Left to Right: Barnard, Carlisle and Stewart defend for Australia against Japan.

GO FOR THREE POINTS!

OLYMPIC Games qualification matches, the Gold Cup and hopefully an appearance in the OLYMPIC Games finals themselves by the Winfield Socceroos means a re-organised West End National Soccer League next year.

Apart from the re-organisation I hope the WENSL also brings in a much needed change to our points system.

I'm talking about changing the customary two points for a win, one point for a draw system.

The old system doesn't offer enough encouragement to teams to go for wins, especially when playing away from home.

A change in the points system will not necessarily change the number of draws or for that matter the number of goals.

But what it will do is to encourage teams to go for the three points for a win.

The result will be better WENSL games due simply to the fact that both teams must be attacking minded.

In advocating a change to the points system next year I would suggest we even go a step further and follow the proposed changes for the Italian first division.

In 1988/89 season the Italian first division proposes to change the format and go to awarding three points for a win, none for a loss and the event of a drawn game a penalty shoot-out will decide who gets two points for the draw and who gets one, as they will be doing in this year's upcoming Italian Cup.

This idea will have its opponents but for me it is a lot better than the current system.



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BY FRANK COLETTA

MELBOURNE CROATIA go into the derby clash with their Sydney counterparts at Olympic Park, placed mid NSL table and looking for results to move into the top five.

And what better way for them to kick off their surge for the play-offs with a win over the second placed side.

With the likes of Ian Wallace, Alan Davidson and Robbie Dunn in the line-up they have no problems with equalling their Sunday opponents with name players.

But for Peter Ollerton and his men the avenging of the 6-1 walloping at the Croatian Sports Centre on March 29 will be paramount in their minds.

Newly-acquired Ian Dobson, from the strife-ridden Preston, is impressed with the set-up at Mel-



IAN WALLACE

bourne Croatia and should fit in nicely alongside Dunn.

Paul Lewis and his front-running team-mate Wallace will fight an enormous battle with Sydney's defence, led by captain-coach Vojislav Rozic and young Ray Vlieststra.

Whether Ollerton decides to spring a surprise and play Davidson in the midfield a la the Socce-roo squad, remains to be seen.

Alan Scott's position will also be an interesting decision, versatile as he is.

The support of the likes of gifted midfielder Josip Biskic, George Hannah and Graham Heys should give the home side every chance of upsetting the Sydney boys — a task that will take a lot of doing but is certainly not out of Melbourne's reach.

Likely line-up:
MELBOURNE CROATIA: Runje, Davidson, McIntosh, Dunn, Hannah, Dobson, Biskic, Scott, Wallace, Lewis, Heys.



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SYDNEY CROATIA FIGHTING BACK

BY FRANK COLETTA

SYDNEY CROATIA plan to continue on their winning way when they travel to meet Melbourne Croatia at the Olympic Park complex.

After going down to table-toppers APIA-Leichhardt a fortnight ago, they fought back to beat Marconi Fairfield by the solitary goal in a game filled with controversy at the Marconi Stadium.

The good news for Sydney is that Zarko Odzakov is back eager and healthy from that crippling knee injury that kept him out of the Socceroo sojourn to Korea.

Against Marconi there was a moment when he began hobbling. His side's supporters caught their collective breaths but that proved to be nothing more than a knock.

Also in good form is young Sut-



MANIS LAMOND

herland product Shane Clinch who was a non-stop worker against the Fairfielders, and produced one of the rare strikes at goal during the match.

He came in for the injured Ante Rumora who strained knee ligaments against APIA and is in doubt for this weekend's clash.

A definite non-starter will be David Rezo after he badly tore a hamstring at the weekend only two minutes into the game.

In goal Anthony Franken continues to excell and Wally Savor seems to get better and more confident with each match.

His stint in the national team had done him all the good in the world and this 26-year-old could be looked at as a future club leader — that is of course only when Vedran Rozic is not there!

Graham Jennings also seems to improve all the time and there is no question over his ability and he is even starting to show some cheeky flicks and flashy skills!

Ray Vlietstra is providing the bite and firmness at the back that was lacking last year, Mark Jones' all-round midfield game is sure and sound and front-runners Graham Arnold, Robbie Slater and Manis Lamond are as dangerous as they come.

Likely line-up:
SYDNEY CROATIA: Franken, Savor, Jennings, Rozic, Vlietstra, Clinch, Jones, Rumora or Lamond, Slater, Arnold, Odzakov.



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APIA - LEAN, MEAN FIGHTING MACHINE

A HUNGRY APIA will be hard to topple from the top of the tree. This was shown in its 1-0 win against Sydney Croatia, where APIA always looked that much more keen, livelier and hungrier.

The whole Apia club is hungry for success. It has been starved of success for years.

Coach Rale Rasic, like his employer, also has been deprived of success in recent years.

Once the biggest name in Australian coaching, he was humbled at South

Melbourne and at Blacktown City.

Those experiences have made him a better man, a better coach.

We gain much more from our defeats than we do from our successes.

Rale had it tough as a boy and it helped him become a worker and a fighter.

A decade ago, as coach of St George we played Marconi, where Rale did such a good job.

Our international full back Bobby Hogg had his leg broken and after the game I confronted Rale over his part in the what turned out to be the end of a great player's career.

Probably I was at fault in pointing the finger, but I felt Rale pursued success too relentlessly in those days.

Now, when he is probably at the peak of his coaching development, Rale Rasic still hungers for achievement.

This is passed on to his team.

It was evident in their commitment to winning against Sydney Croatia.

It was less so with Croatia.

To be fair, Croatia had two players, Ante Rumora and perhaps Zarko Odzakov somewhat suspect with knee problems.

Mark Jones, plus one or two others did not appear to have the urgency and commitment needed in such an important game.

These are special games and they require a special type of effort. A time to bring out reserves that as individuals we do not always know we possess.

In the vernacular, that means being hungry.

Apia were hungry and Sydney Croatia were not hungry enough.

That's what made the difference.

Apia showed passing build ups out of the centre of defence and through the midfield which I had not seen before.

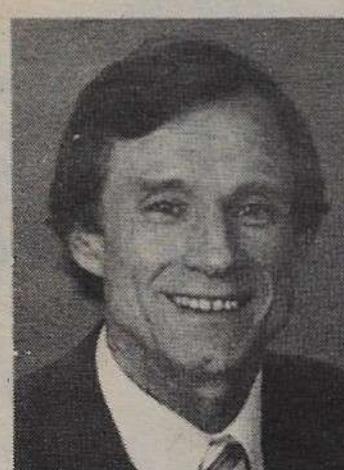
It made them an attractive and virile team in the first half.

Via my television set it appeared that Peter Katholos had a free role in midfield. He looked dangerous and sharp.

Peter himself has had to survive an extended period of lows as he has sought to establish a potentially excellent career.

The tough times have also helped him.

Not so much in the development of skills, but



MIKE JOHNSON is a former England professional Soccer player. He played as full time professional with Doncaster Rovers, Brighton, Fulham and Newcastle United. He is an English Football Association coach. In Australia he has coached top teams — Sutherland, St George BSC, West Adelaide, APIA, Wollongong United (now Wollongong Macedonia) and Fairy Meadow in the NSW State League. His television series *The Basic Skills of Soccer* was shown for the first time in 1980 on ABC, concurrently with another television series of his, *Fitness for Sport*. His book *Fitness for Sport* won a quick acceptance among schools and junior clubs throughout Australia.

He says that everyone of these players, despite their eventual success, was deficient in basic skills because of inadequate coaching in their early years, and that all of them would have been better players if they had developed good basic grounding of skill when they were young.

bristled with aggression and quickness.

Yes, a good performance from Apia.

With Rod Brown coming off, Terry Greedy on the bench, Mark Brown not available, they seem well prepared to withstand what will almost surely be half a season of harrass-

ment from Sydney Croatia.

Croatia has good players and indeed a good pat on the back.

The talent of Anthony Franken shone also in this game.

If it stays clear of injuries, Croatia will contest Apia all the way down to the flag.



Sydney Croatia's Robbie Slater (left) shadowed by Apia's Jean Paul de Marigny during the big clash two weeks ago at Croatia. This was a great tussle between two great players.

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Australian Under 16 team

WHERE WERE THE TOP COACHES?

OUR young Australian U/16 squad are in Canada in their quest for World Cup Under 16 Cup honours.



ALAN VEST

NSW State director of coaching Alan Vest continues his lively weekly column.

They had a brief training run in Holland after completing their preparations at Valentine Park for four days.

Their last game before departing was against the N.S.W. Youth Squad at Po-

pondetta Park, Mt. Druitt, and was a fine performance watched by a good crowd.

The surprising thing from my point of view was the lack of interest from our top club coaches.

To my knowledge only Frank Arok and Eddie Thomson were present, and yet 18 of the players on the park were the best young players in N.S.W.

We must be awfully full of talent at senior club level

to be able to not take any notice of a game like this.

Quite a few of the players on view are not connected with top clubs, so should have been worth a look.

With rising transfer fees and money tight, perhaps a better look at developing players could solve some problems.

There are a lot good young players about, but at the moment there doesn't seem to be enough movements from the youth to first teams.

Maybe the concept

needs changing and a clearer look taken at what is needed.

There is much talk at youth level about winning things, and there is nothing wrong with that.

But surely success at youth level is getting players through to the first team, rather than winning things and getting none through.

Anyway the Australian squad deserves well in Canada, we all expect they can come up with some really good performances.

DIVISION II IN SAFE HANDS

THE recent selection of a division 2 representative team to compete during the Steve Dolan Testimonial night has certainly sparked some reaction amongst club supporters.

Selectior-coach Fred Robins' aim was no doubt to pick a competitive squad from as many clubs as possible.

However the issue that provoked comment amongst the supporters was the selection of Brett Beeves and Dave Newburn as the goalkeepers. No one doubts the quality of these experienced shot-blockers, but the high standard of keepers amongst the second division clubs this year is unprecedented. Indeed quite a few of them deserve to be playing in the state's highest competition.

The fiery, competitive Brett Beeves is 'playing this year with Croatia, a club prepared to pay well to secure the best. Many people believe that in Beeves they've got a winner. He's been recognised as one of the top keepers in the state for many years and it's possibly been only his temperament that has stopped him from going all the way to the top.

Dave Newburn, the Wynnum custodian is definitely one of Queensland's colourful characters. It's a good thing he can save the shots, because he can't save himself from the ridicule of opposition supporters when he wears his now familiar long, tight bicycle shorts. Dave is very reliable for such a big man and his presence at Wynnum for so many years has continually propped up a weak defense.

Amongst those rated unlucky not to be included in the squad are Graham Ross, Tony McVey and Ross Mason.



RAY JUNNA in Brisbane City colours.

Ross is playing this year with Acacia Ridge and continues to demonstrate he has the potential for higher honours. The former Queensland youth team keeper is quick, agile and brave. He has a keen sense of positioning, great reflexes and is an exceptional distributor of the ball.

Mason, the Newmarket stalwart is big, strong and reliable. He gained much valuable experience three years ago when he was selected as the Newmarket player to train with Nottingham Forest for a four week period. Since then his consistent displays have enabled the amateur club to finish close to midtable each year.

The only thing Ross needs to work on would be his concentration.

Last year Tony McVey was the Acacia Ridge player of the year as his brilliant displays between the sticks helped the ridge

to second place in the league and to a grand final appearance. Unfortunately for them, both times Rochedale finished in front of them.

But the platform for the challenge was built on his sound performances and the inspiration he provided to the team with his amazing reflex saves.

He also established a reputation for saving penalties, when the opposition could only convert two out of seven opportunities during the season.

In the offseason Tony decided he needed a fresh challenge and joined the new club in division 2, Goodna, on a 12 month loan. He languished in the reserves for the first two months, still suffering the effects of a back injury, but his recent promotion has certainly tightened up Goodna's defense.

Several other keepers are turning in match winning displays and many of the top clubs would be wise to check their progress.

THE Ampol Cup, the longest singly sponsored knockout football competition in Australia, has reached the semi final stage.

Ampol Cup Semis

BY MARK BRIDGEN

QUEENSLAND
SOCCER FEDERATION



Coalstars' DAVID RICHARDSON heads away.

What started out with the 12 XXXX league teams, the 12 division two clubs and the regional federations has been whittled down to four worthy contestants; cup holders Coalstars, Olympic, Mt Gravatt and North Star.

The semi final draw has pitted together two heavyweights, North Star and Coalstars, with Olympic and Mt Gravatt clashing in the other game. The Ampol Cup day will be a double header at Perry Park on July 19.

It's interesting to note that only one of these teams North Star, are currently in the top four in the XXXX teams.

Both former National League teams, Lions and Brisbane City, who were expected to dominate all the competitions between them this year, are definite top four prospects, but they're out of the cup. So too are another of the form sides, Eastern Suburbs.

North Star would have to be the favourites to add to their honours list. Their great performances in the league this year have caught many people by surprise as coach Ian Fagan has drafted in new players without affecting the balance of the side.

While North Star are the side in form they certainly won't have things all their own way. Their opponents in the semi finals, Coalstars, are a far better team than their low position on the league table suggests. They boast two very talented strikers in state spearhead Mark Brusasco and Irish import David Richardson, and are held together by an experienced defence.

Olympic United, proudly supported by Brisbane Greek Community, boast many talented individuals including Fijian International Cheetha Vosuga and Elmer Bedia. Whilst being labelled the entertainers, playing consistently for 90 minutes appears to be their only problem. However they do have the flair to have a realistic chance of getting some glory from this season.

Their opponents Mt Gravatt boast an interesting blend of youth and experience and revolve around the talents of state midfielder Martin Kirsopp. This diminutive tiger is a vital component in their game plan and is always likely to create an opening for the exciting Tommy Mulvey brothers. Mick and Phil, two of Brisbanes most skilful footballers, could provide the winning edge.

There's an old saying though that a bit of magic wins cup games. If that's the case, then North Star hold the aces with their potential match winning Mulvey brothers. Mick and Phil, two of Brisbanes most skilful footballers, could provide the winning edge.

THINK TANK

IN A recent edition of the QSF's weekly magazine, "Go Soccer", regular columnist Eric Thompson once again came up with an innovative and progressive idea.

The colourful and controversial Mt Gravatt coach stated the time was right for a Soccer 'Think Tank' to produce a working plan for next season.

His idea involved the management committee, the Queensland director of coaching Bruce Stowell, the coaches and an official from XXXX League and division two clubs, along with representatives from the referees, women's Soccer, juniors and the media all getting together for a weekend of seminar sessions.

It certainly would seem an appropriate time for the opinions of a wide cross section of those involved in our game to be collated. Thompson believes that other codes are tottering at a time when we are regaining momentum. While this could be debated in

several areas, the opportunity must be grabbed to seize on any advantage we may have.

An open forum, with discussions aimed at improving our code rather than the individual club or particular interest, has the potential to generate many fresh ideas.

Indeed the idea could be expanded further to get the thoughts of those who were once heavily involved in the code but drifted away for whatever reason. A skilful administrator like Jim Binnie springs to mind.

How about the valuable experience of some of this state's former top players? John Reid has achieved considerable success working with youngsters as has Charlie Dench, while Gary Wilkins has proven his ability as a

talented club administrator.

The Brisbane selector for the annual clash against Ipswich, Mal Bland, is another who could contribute. The former Liverpool apprentice and New Zealand international is a deep thinker whose talents are presently not being utilised to the best advantage or our code.

Without any disrespect to the present management committee, I agree with Thommo that the time is ripe for an open discussion to generate fresh ideas and provide a sound platform for Soccer in this state in the coming years.

The sad footnote to this story is that it appears nothing will be done to get this 'Think Tank' going.

Coming on QSF, the ball is in your court.



BRISBANE City's brilliant Brazilian ROBERT LETTIERI shows his wares to last year's NSL champions Adelaide City.



Northern NSW News . . .



IAN JOHNS AMONGST THE GOALS

By Dave Williams

EARLY this year, IAN JOHNS was in doubt about his football future as the result of a bone-muscle separation injury that was slow to heal.

But, due mainly to rest from any over-vigorous exercise, his physical problem eased and the 28-year-old Belmont-Swansea United striker is enjoying one of his best seasons in the game.

Ian Johns has been playing football since he joined the Adamstown Rosebud junior club at the age of five. He's a hard competitor, but fair and it could well be said that he's a credit to the code.

And that should not be difficult to understand, since he is the elder son of Alan Johns, one of the most respected footballers to come from the North: an Adamstown Rosebud and Australian representative inside-forward, who toured New Zealand in 1984 and South Africa in 1951.

But, while they have both played as forwards, their styles are much different.

Alan was a lithe schemer, a forager who could turn on a ten-cent piece and who possessed exceptional ball control and delicate shooting finesse. He rarely headed the ball.

Ian, taller at 185cm and heavier at 80kg, is more direct, with a powerful shot

from either foot. His drive from a dead-ball position is a goalkeeper's nightmare.

Ian had his first game in the Northern NSW First Division with Adamstown in 1975 at the age of 16.

Coalfields

He transferred to

NORTHERN NSW

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KEN KAISER Northern NSW manager.



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BOB RETAINS HOPE

WOLLONGONG Macedonia officials have made it very clear rumours sweeping Illawarra that they intend reverting back to the district competition next season are well off the mark.

Club secretary Bob Kezovski said he has heard talk among supporters that Macedonia would be better off back in the ISA's Premier League competing in 1988.

Macedonia are bottom of the State Bank League with very little chance of avoiding relegation and fans don't want their team to drop back in to the State Second Division.

They reason that they had to put up with too many years waiting for Macedonia to win their way out of the league.

If Macedonia go back to the ISA they have a strong enough club structure to do well and supporters would be able to watch the team every week.

Kezovski said such talk is very premature because Macedonia could still fight their way clear of bottom spot.

"We realise the situation looks very bad for us but the players certainly haven't given up hope and that is the main thing," Kezovski said.

"My personal opinion is that we should stay in Sydney no matter what happens over the next few weeks."

The club has put a lot of effort in getting where

they are and we still have big plans for the future so we can't take backward steps now."

Backing

Macedonia have property on which they plan to develop a top class Soccer stadium in addition to other sporting facilities and have the backing of the Macedonian Church in this venture.

With this development in mind and being promoted to State League 18 months ago, Macedonia were looking forward to a bright future and a long-term plan of entering the national league.

Unfortunately, 1987 has been something of a disaster for the club and their future must carry a giant-sized question mark.

The sacking of coach John Frew caused a future mid-season, Peter Willis took over as player-coach, Macedonian imports have failed to live up to expectations and other transfer deals have fallen through.

The big recent setbacks was their failure to sign former Wollongong City goalkeeper Natch Vardareff.

The controversy surrounding that deal was typical of the way things

have gone for Macedonia this year.

Still a Wollongong City

player but on loan as play-

er-coach with ISA Second

Division club Pelister, Vardareff was seen as one

player who could spark a

revival.

With 17-year-old Tom-

my Milenković under tre-

mendous pressure, the

position of goalkeeper had

caused big problems.

Natch Vardareff

Unfortunately after

being cleared by the Wol-

ves, Vardareff struck trou-

ble with Pelister who were

leading their league and

had the keeper signed on

a blue form for the rest of

the season.

Negotiations to get a re-

lease from Pelister cou-

pled with what Macedonia

described as unrealistic

payments from them has

resulted in Vardareff sit-

ting out the season on the

sideline.

It is a season Wollong-

ong City will want to

remember but unfor-

tunately for them it could

rank as one of the most

significant in their 11-year

history.

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rounding that deal was

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Weston for the 1983 sea-
son and then moved to

Belmont-Swansea and,

apart from the 1981 sea-
son with Rosebuds,

when he scored 14 goals

in nine games, 1987 has

been his best year.

"really enjoying his foot-
ball".

"We (Belmont-Swansea)

lost several players after

winning last year's grand

final and are not playing as

well this year," he said.

"But if we can win a few

more games on the trot,

we'll be there at the end."

At the time of writing,

Belmont-Swansea was in

second place behind

Adamstown and still in line
for the premiership and

grand final honours.

Ian said that he hoped to
continue to play for as long

as he enjoyed his football,

although he was "not the

greatest trainer in the

world".

"But, when I have lost

the enthusiasm or the abil-

ity to keep a place in the

First Division, I'll call it a

day," he declared.

OH SO CLOSE

BY DAVE WILLIAMS

A GOAL scored in the last minute of extra time deprived Northern NSW from a possible place in the final and sent Victoria on to win the National Under-18 Talent Identification Championship played at Parklea last Saturday.

The Victoria v Northern NSW semi-final on Friday was heading for a scoreless draw close to the end of extra time and a penalty play-off was looming to decide which team would go on to the final when Victoria scored with about 30 seconds remaining.

Victoria went on to take out the championship with a 1-0 victory over NSW, while Northern NSW defeated South Australia 3-1 in the play-off for third place.

"The goal was just one of those unpredictable things that happen in the game," said Northern NSW manager Ken Kaiser.

Ian Johns ... his father Alan was a top Australian inside forward in the days of players such as NSW's Frank Parsons and Queensland 'Bunny' Nunn.

"None of our boys did anything wrong. The ball was well in the Victorian half of the field and was cleared over half-way. A Victorian won the race for it against a defender and scored. It was as simple as that."

Nevertheless, Kaiser had nothing but praise for the squad that began its preparation under coach Bob Mountford last September.

Kaiser said it was a well-balanced side that had scored nine goals against five in the tournament and had been led capably by Adamstown's Guy McLachlan and his deputy, Belmont-Swansea's Ron King.

Northern NSW won its division and a semi-final place when it drew 1-1 with NSW, beat Queensland 2-1 and Tasmania 3-1.

All members of the Northern NSW squad will be eligible for selection next year when the championship will be played as a under-19 tournament.

ryone connected with the Wolves and proved we have a very good side."

Hollifield played 20 first division games with Wolverhampton Wanderers in England and after a period in the lower divisions was playing non league football in the North-West before coming to Australia.

He said he has found some of the State Bank League teams quite useful and would love to be part of a Wollongong side going back in to the NSL.

Fleming describes him a model player and obviously learned his "trade" well in England.

"He has been doing a fine job for us and his experience is a big plus at the back when things get a bit tough," Fleming said.

"HOUSE IN ORDER"

SOUTH Coast Croatia have been told by ISA administrators to get their house in order after a recent disturbance following their 3-2 Bampton Cup loss to Shellharbour.

Supporters created the disturbance when their team was disallowed a goal for offside in the last minute of the game.

Linesmen Bill Parmenter was confronted by fans and abused for ruling the Croatia player offside and there were allegations that rocks were thrown.

At the same time, Shellharbour spokesman Otto Bader said his team's striker, Barry Robinson was struck on the head and finished up with a lump to prove it.



Australian Capital Territory



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BEHIND EIGHT BALL

EIGHT-team divisions were a failure and should be abandoned, the president of ACT first division side Tuggeranong United, Graham Plath, said.

"With so many blank weekends set aside for representative matches and wet weather, players are beginning to call this the Claytons season," he said.

"Two of our first-team squad, Ian Heywood and Terry Jeffrey, have taken five weeks to serve a two-match suspension — they simply cannot maintain match fitness under these conditions.

"If you get knocked out of cup competitions early on you face even more blank weekends. Croatia Deakin will be the only team getting around 20 games this year."

Plath said that some players and officials wanted a return to the 12-team first division which existed a couple of seasons ago, but he preferred a 10-team set up.

"That is the minimum needed to maintain enthusiasm and interest over a full season."

Meanwhile, Plath is moving for an internal shake-up at Tuggeranong, presently languishing in seventh position on the ladder.

"I am disappointed in some players who have been staying up to all hours the night before games," he said.

"Okay, we are not a professional club so we cannot ban players from going out the night before, but there is a difference between getting in at midnight and three or four in the morning."

He also believed the club, which also competed in divisions three, four, five and six, had too many senior sides. "These lower division teams are diluting our sponsorship and detracting from the firsts — we are now the only team in the top divisions which charges our players registration fees.

"It may be a cruel decision but I think some of the these

social sides will have to go, or at least pay their own way in future. It is something I will be putting to the committee."

Meanwhile, United scored a success even though it lost 5-1 to Juventus in a first division game at Wanniassa Oval.

The club actively promoted the game amongst its junior players with free soft drinks and hot dogs for the youngsters, no admission charge for accompanying parents and mini-Soccer games as curtain-raisers.

The result was a 450 strong crowd — the biggest of the season for any club apart from league champion Croatia Deakin. [Another possibility could be three rounds — Ed]

LAST week Katrina Alexander and Mark Brogan from the ACTSF put on the second ACT AUSSIE SPORTS programme for primary school Soccer players at the AIS.

Katrina said that they put about 90 kids through the ropes, teaching them a few fancy tricks as well as the Soccer basics.

Aussie Sports is designed to give older primary school kids a taste of a range of different sports. Each participant gets points for playing or training sessions and eventually gets an Aussie Sports award.

ACT WOMEN

THE YANKEES ARE COMING

A team from the USA will visit Canberra from July 13 to 19 as part of an Australian tour.

The Sport for Understanding organisation which has arranged the tour in conjunction with the National Executive Director of the AWSA, Heather Reid, regularly takes teams overseas to promote competition and cultural awareness between countries.

The tour by the SFU team will provide an ideal opportunity for the ACT Senior Rep team to obtain some high quality opposition in its lead up to the National Championships.

The SFU team will also play the Under 18s who will no doubt be looking to capitalise on their experience at the National Talent Identification Tournament in Brisbane earlier in July.

The SFU team, which will be billeted by ACT players and officials, will also be touring Canberra and the area while they are here.

A RARITY

BELCONNEN United suffered a rare loss in a top-of-the-table match with Weston Creek as the ACT Women's Soccer Association competition reached its halfway stage.

In a game which could have a decisive effect on the first division championship, a goal from the Creek's Glenda Hall settled the destination of the points.

ANU continued its recent improved form with a 1-1 draw with Stormbirds, the university's Nikki Fuller equalising an earlier goal from Sasha Wainwright, while nobody found the net in the remaining first-division match between Downer Olympic and Canberra City.

Belconnen II went down

2-1 to Wanderers whose scorers were Clair Angel and an own goal following a Kate Dixon corner with Vicki Howes replying.

Leader Queanbeyan maintained its pace with a 4-2 win over ANU II, goals by Julie Tonini (2), Crol Eglitis and Georgina Johnson being scored for Queanbeyan and Wendy Maxwell and Sharon Barnes for the university. A goal from CCAE's Wendy Bithell was the decider in the game against Tuggeranong United.

Second division leader Concordia-Canberra beat Downer Olympic 4-1 Jonelle Lancashire (2), Tanya Walker and Belinda Moores scoring while a goal from Bronwyn Griffiths gave Belconnen United its only success of the day as its third team beat Weston Creek 1-0.

Stormbirds II kept up the pressure on Concordia with a 3-0 win over ANU III, Natalie Lazzari (2) and Suzie Park scoring.



Australia's Phil Dolton (right) and Joe Casey of New Zealand in a contest for the ball during the Pacific Cup Indoor Soccer series at the national Sports Centre, Canberra. Australia won this match 5-2.

DEAKIN DONE

CROATIA Deakin dropped its first league point of the season when it was held to a 2-2 draw by Belconnen United in the ACT first division match of the day at Hawker Oval.

In fact United led twice — the first time when John Walsh opened the scoring with a fine shot after 10 minutes and again from the penalty spot in the second half after he had been brought down in the area by Croatia goalkeeper Frank Reising.



JOHN WALSH

In between the league champion had kept in the game when a Stan Dukic free kick found John Miloloza in position to score.

Dennis Glavinic got Croatia's second equaliser with 15 minutes to go and shortly after Greg Roberts came close to winning it for United when his header landed on the top of the net.

The game developed some passion in the closing stages with two Croatia players, Zoran Glavinic and Emile Maricic, being sent off.

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Augustos Palacios — Canberra captain coach.

THE NEWS

CANBERRA Griffins Soccer coach Augusto Palacios will know this week whether his playing season has ended.

Palacios did not resume in the second half of the recent midweek derby game with Inter Monaro after being brought down in a heavy tackle by Mark Arthur, and it is feared he might have torn a knee ligament.

"I have been to the club's doctor and he has passed me to a specialist for an arthroscopy," he said.

The arthroscopy will tell whether the ligament is torn and an operation necessary. "If all is well I should be fit again after three or four weeks. If not, then I will not be playing again this season."

Palacios was critical of Monaro's tactics during the game, which the Griffins won 5-3.

"It was more like Kung Fu or rugby league than Soccer," he said. "I was being fouled constantly. It would have been easy to retaliate but that would only have led to a red card."

"On this showing I would say that we have the best team for goalkeeper through to No 11. There was no way Monaro was ever going to win."

THE Belconnen Westfield Shopping Mall has become a major sponsor of ACT junior Soccer with a donation of \$5000 for the code in the northern suburbs.

ACTSF secretary Lyndall Jennings said the money would be administered by the federation for the benefit of the Belsouth, Belwest, Belnorth and Majura clubs. It was hoped to have Socceroo captain Charlie Yankos in Canberra to make a formal presentation on a date to be fixed.

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WA EMU EXPORT STATE SOCCER LEAGUE



W.A. KEEN BUT DISAPPOINTED

THE Western Australian Youth team finished sixth in the recently completed National Youth Talent Identification Camp held at Valentine Park in Sydney.

Although the players were disappointed that they did not retain the title won last year, it was in some ways a very satisfactory performance.

They are certainly looking forward to competing again next year, having learnt from their experiences this year.

The one thing that worries coach, John Ward, is that some

clubs do not recognise the potential of these young players and they may be left to play in reserve team football, without even being given a chance to develop their full potential.

In the after camp summary, most of the players were disappointed with their own contribution to the team and they know they can do better.



ANTHONY FRANKEN

The Western Australian Youth team has a two year plan, in which some 40 players will be seen and given the opportunity to play for the State Youth team through the Multi Sports Camp following these championships, and the Level 3 Coaching Course in December, plus regular games against State



Azzurri v Macedonia. Keith Blunt (left) and Craig Naven.

League opposition.

This will eventuate, owing to there being no Under 16 talent identification scheme this year.

Ward will also be looking at the development of the younger age groups and encouraging change, if needed, in helping to produce better players for Western Australia.

Already produced are Arno Bertogna, Gary Marocchi, Robbie Dunn, David Jones and Anthony Franken, who have represented Australia at full international level.

As well there are many former youth team international players, the most recent being Alistair Edwards and Alex Cummings who are, at present, in the Australian Youth Squad.

EMU EXPORT STATE LEAGUE

AS AT JULY 11



WESTERN AUSTRALIA

STATE LEAGUE

Stirling	14	11	1	2	33	16	34
Floreat	14	9	4	1	43	18	31
Perth Azzurri	14	9	2	3	31	19	29
Spearwood	14	8	3	3	36	18	27
K'way Ol.	14	8	1	5	18	12	25
E'F'mante	14	7	2	5	22	19	23
B'water Int.	14	5	2	7	20	28	17
Gosnells C.	14	4	4	6	17	19	16
C'bun U.	14	5	10	16	41	12	
Inglewood	14	2	3	9	13	25	9
Balgan	14	2	2	10	18	30	8
Osborne Pk	14	2	2	10	12	35	8

SECOND DIVISION

Ferndale Utd	14	11	3	-	30	8	36
Morley Wind	14	8	4	2	35	13	28
Armadale P.	14	7	4	3	31	16	25
Wanneroo C.	14	7	4	3	25	17	25
Dianella Serb.	14	5	4	5	21	20	19
University	14	5	3	6	25	22	18
Swan Crac.	14	5	2	7	19	23	17
Rockingham	14	5	2	7	20	26	17
Perth City	14	5	1	8	16	24	16
Queens Park	14	4	1	9	15	25	13
Western Y.	14	3	3	8	15	36	12
Booragoon Z.	14	2	3	9	7	30	9

THIRD DIVISION

Dallies' David Kamasz.	14	4	2	8	21	34	14
Subiaco C.	14	3	3	8	13	27	12
Swan Ath.	14	1	-	13	8	39	3

STATE LEAGUE

Spearmwood Dalmatinac 0 Floreat
Athena 1, Gosnells City 0 Bayswater
Inter 0, Perth Azzurri 4 Cockburn
United 0, East Frem 0 Balga 1, Ingewood 5 Osborne Park Galeb 3.

SECOND DIVISION

Swan Athletic 1 Bassendean
Caledonian 5, North Perth Croatia 4
Sorrento 4, East Perth Vardar 2
Keimscott 4, Kwinana United 1 Forestfield 0, Melville Alemannia 2
Fremantle Benfica 3, Subiaco City 0
Balcatta Etna 0.

THIRD DIVISION

Morley Windmills 6 Swan Cracovia 1, Armadale Park 1 Queens Park 3, Perth City 2 Rockingham United 1, Booragoon Zavicaj 1 Wanneroo City 2, University 1 Ferndale United 5, Dianella Serbia 4 Western Yugal 1.

FOURTH DIVISION

Ashfield Dynamo 0 Swan I.C. United 0, Hampton Phoenix 6 Kalambunda 1, Bunbury City 1 Leederville 5, Espanol 1.

HOBART CITY AZZURRI FINED AND EXPELLED

BY WALTER PLESS

HOBART City-Azzurri has been expelled from both the Cadbury State and Pepsi Youth Leagues after its senior side walked off in the match against Caledonians on Saturday, July 4.

The decision to expel the club was made by the Tasmanian Soccer Association executive committee at a special meeting held at Soccer House on Monday, July 6.

The meeting resolved that all members condemned the actions of Hobart City in walking off the ground before the completion of the match.

The Hobart City senior side walked off with half an hour of its match against Calies still to play.

Hobart City was trailing Calies 2-0 at the time and had just had two players, defenders Michael Pace and Johan Hogenbirk, sent off for persistent infringement of the laws of the game.

The Pepsi Youth League match between the two clubs scheduled for the following day was also called off.

In addition to its expulsion from both leagues for the remainder of this season, Hobart City received a number of other very severe penalties.

• The club will not be permitted to play in any senior competition until the commencement of the 1989 le-

ague season, which means it is ineligible to compete in next year's pre-season Summer Cup tournament.

• When City does return to competitive Soccer, it must be at a level no higher than Southern Tasmania's Rothmans League Division Two.

• This means, in effect, that the club has been demoted to the third division of the Southern Tasmanian competition because the Cadbury State League is the premier competition, followed by the Rothmans League First Division.

• A fine of \$2,500 has also been imposed on the club and this must be paid prior to the TSA accepting team nominations from the club.

• All the club's currently registered players who have played in either Cadbury State League or Pepsi Youth League matches this season are suspended until the beginning of the 1988 playing season.

• And, senior-team coach, Otto Klaus, has been suspended from coaching any team under the TSA's jurisdiction until the beginning of the 1989 playing

season.

The TSA has awarded the abandoned match to Caledonians by a 3-0 scoreline, and the same applies to the cancelled Pepsi Youth League match.

Return Action

The Cadbury League and Pepsi Youth League rosters will be amended so that a bye occurs each week in lieu of Hobart City's matches and one double-header each week will now consist of a Pepsi Youth League and Cadbury State League match.

Ground rentals for double-headers affected in this way will be reduced for the clubs involved and the Tasmanian Soccer Federation will be requested to adjust the Rothmans Gold Medal count to allow for the reduced number of matches.

Hobart City president, Mr George Marino, was angered by the TSA's decision to suspend the club's coach and all its players.

EAGLES ZOOM UPWARDS

BY WALTER PLESS

WITH Olympia-WPL inactive because of its bye against the expelled Hobart City-Azzurri, league leader White Eagles was able to extend its lead at the top of the Southern Tasmanian Cadbury State League competition to four points with a 3-1 win over Caledonians at KGV Soccer Park in midweek.

But on Saturday, Juventus-Pioneer cut this to three points when it moved into second place with a convincing 5-2 win over bottom-side Howrah.

Robbie Kent, a former Juventus captain before moving to Sydney three years ago, proved more than adequate as a replacement for 16-year-old Romeo Frediani, who was in Sydney with the Tasmanian Under-18 side.

Kent, who returned to Tasmania this year, hit a hat-trick for Juventus and rounded off a splendid performance by making the other two goals for teammates Sergio Pace and Steve Kannegger.

Jason Harvey, with a spectacular scissor-kick, and Gary Schueler, himself a Juventus player until three weeks ago, replied for Howrah.

In the remaining match of the round, Croatia-Glenorchy beat Rapid 4-1 to maintain fourth spot in the standings.

Caledonians lost star midfielder Ian Parker after only two minutes of its match against league champion White Eagles.

Parker was put through with a clear chance by

Bevan Schwaiger but he shot across the goalmouth and twisted his ankle to compound his misery.

Parker limped back on after treatment but was substituted by Danny Jenkins in the 12th minute.

Richard Leszczynski, the league's leading scorer, notched his 24th goal of the season right on the stroke of half-time to send Eagles in 1-0 up at the break.

He scored a second in the 75th minute before Tim Robins reduced the arrears with a superb swerving shot four minutes later.

Calies Down

Calies looked to be in with a chance of grabbing a point but a cruel piece of luck saw it concede an own goal nine minutes from time. David Stoddart, the classy Eagles midfielder, crossed from the left, Robert Gorniak headed the ball down and Calies defender Darren Grainger deflected the ball into his own net.

Peter Huigloot headed Croatia into a 14th minute lead against Rapid following Neil Thomas's corner, but a great equaliser



This fine action shot by courtesy of "The Mercury" photographer Jimmy Kerr depicts Olympia's Anthony Greenwood going up above bearded Sean Collins (White Eagles) in the Cadbury Charity Cup final. White Eagles however won 3-0.

by Rapid captain Peter Thompson came only a minute later.

It was almost as if Thompson was celebrating the birth of his first son earlier in the week. Danny Donohoe's precise pass to the left found Thompson harrying in towards goal and the midfielder, cool as a cucumber, stroked the ball past the advancing goalkeeper and into the far corner of the net for the goal-

of-the-evening.

It was not enough, however, and Ivan Baric restored Croatia's lead from the penalty spot midway through the half.

Thomas' corner again proved lethal in the 64th minute as Paul Furjanic headed past Gillam to make it 3-1 for Croatia, and the lanky Tony Bacic wrapped up the proceedings with a goal two minutes later.



PACIFIC CUP GOES DOWN MEXICO WAY

A WELL organised, highly competitive and skilled Australian side was somewhat unlucky to lose the Pacific Indoor Soccer Cup to favourites Mexico at the National Indoor Sports Centre, Canberra last Wednesday evening.

The Australians and the highly skilled Mexicans delighted the crowd of just under 3000 with a superb final.

The Australians surprised the Mexicans with their pressurising tactics always trying to win the ball back in the Mexicans half and his ploy unsettled the talented Central Americans.

An even first half saw the scores level at half-time.

Not surprisingly it was the Australians who scored first through Gil Tour of the Sydney Tornadoes.

The Mexicans equalised only to go behind to a free-kick from Enduro Spartans Charlie Akkary.

The Australians had several scoring chances in this period and in retrospect it was the time the Aussies should have wrapped up the match.

It was not to be as Mexico equalised 11 minutes from time. Then came the most controversial incident of the game.

With FIVE SECONDS remaining in normal time Brisbane Bombers Richie Barnard scored what appeared to

be the last second winner with a header which was disallowed by referee Tony Slater.

Unfortunately for the Aussies it was Mexico which got their noses in front, for the first time in the match when Geraldo Rodriguez scored five minutes into overtime.

The Aussies were forced to open up to seek the equaliser and as so often happens paid the penalty at the back.

The flying Mexicans added another three goals as Australia tried to push forward and get back into the match.

Mexico ran out eventual winners 6-2 in a thoroughly entertaining match.

Stars & Stripes

In an equally exciting third/fourth play off match the United States pipped Canada 4-3.

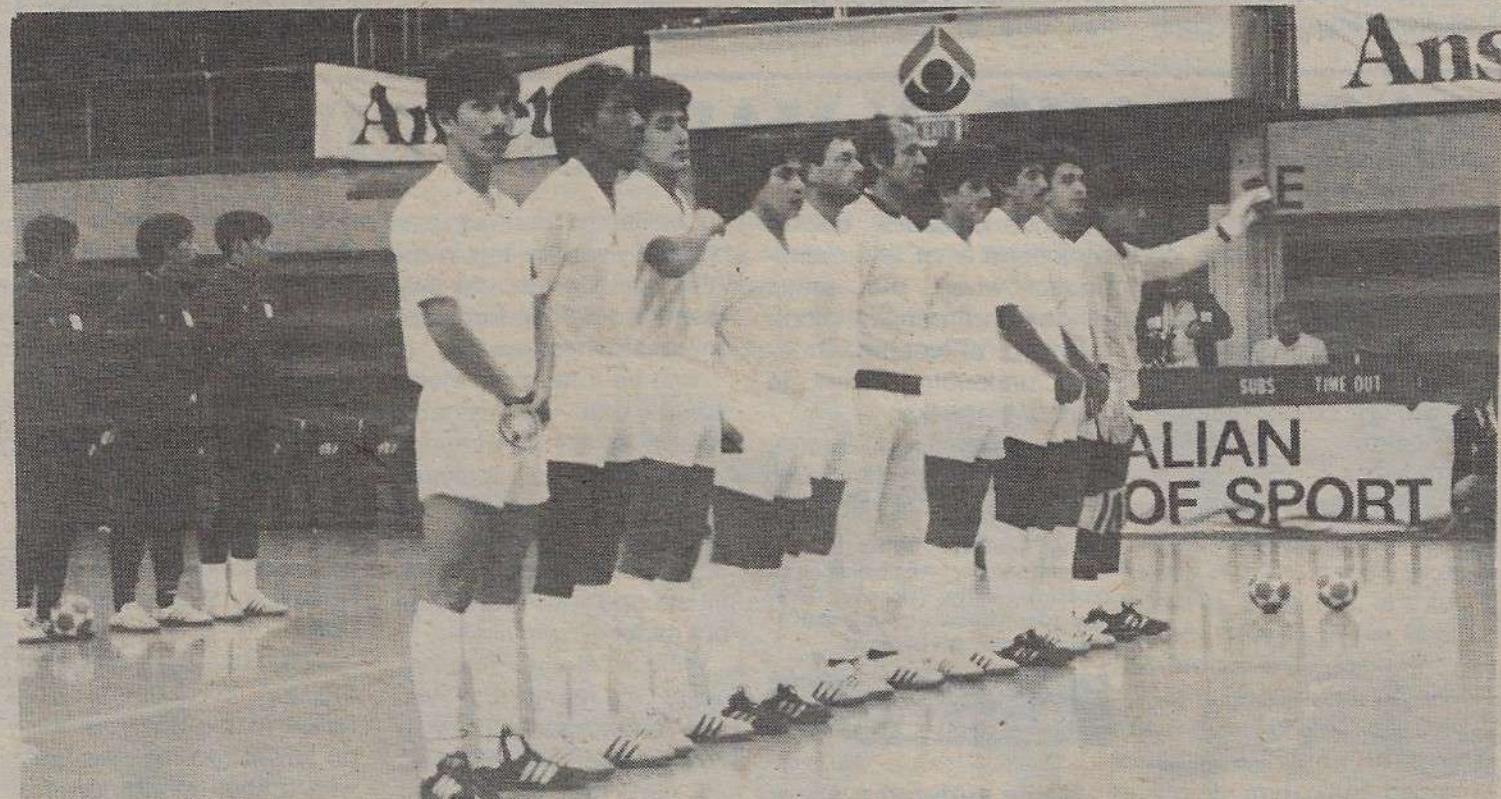
The starting line up for the Aussies was: Craig Carlisle (Sydney Tornadoes) Robbie Stuart captain (Sydney Tor-



Australia: (Left to Right) Back Row — Keith Rundle (Assist Manager), Jim Roberts (Manager), Hector Martinez, Charlie Akkary, Bill Stewart, Bruce Thurlow, Scott Gilligan, Hilton Silva, Phil Dolton, Nick Nicolopoulos (Coach).

Front Row — Gil Tour, Richie Barnard, Anthony Musemeci, Erkin Osman, Ergin Osman, Robbie Stuart and Craig Carlisle.

THE CHAMPIONS . . . MEXICO



San Francisco . . .

HERE WE COME

THE United States will host the second Pacific Indoor Soccer Cup in San Francisco in 1989.

This was announced by Oceania and Australian president Joe Brent at the closing ceremony of the inaugural Pacific Indoor Soccer Cup at the National Indoor Sports Centre, Canberra last Wednesday.

The first ever Pacific Indoor Soccer Cup was a success in more ways than one with Mexico winning a thrilling and entertaining final against Australia.

United States finished third, Canada fourth, Japan fifth and, relatively newcomers to international rules, New Zealand sixth.

The series was seen, from Australia's point of view, as an educational experience not only for the team itself, but also for the Australian administration which is charged with the daunting task of staging

the World Cup in October 1988 as part of our bi-centennial celebrations.

According to president Brent, the first Pacific Indoor Soccer Cup "not only exposed our team to first class opponents but also proved the game had a unique and untapped, spectator appeal".

Just under 3000 fans braved the sub zero temperatures in the national capital to attend the final.

Few were disappointed.

The game has tons to offer and, according to Brent, Indoor Soccer can emulate and even surpass the phenomenal deeds of basketball in this country in a few years time.

Indoor Soccer is a twenty first century spectator sport — fast, exciting, entertaining, skillful, high scoring and, being indoors, provides spectators with every modern day convenience.



Mexico skipper CARLOS AQUILERAS accepts the Pacific Cup from Mr Charles Perkins.

nadoes) Erkin Osman (Sydney Tornadoes) Gil Tour (Sydney Tornadoes) Ergin Osman.

Charlie Akkary, Bill Stewart, Hector Martinez and Hilton Silva also came on during the match.

The game was superbly handled by referee Tony Slater and linesmen Alex Seccherro (Melbourne) and Alex Para (United States). Australian coach Nick Nicolopoulos was full of praise for the Australian team — "we played to the best of our ability with 200% application — I was really proud of the boys."

Nick added that "the best team won however the whole Pacific Cup has been ideal preparation for next year's World Cup".

Australian President Joe Brent felt "the indoor movement came of age with the tournament, showing that the game has an untapped market for spectators".

"All who came along to this tournament enjoyed it — and we are talking about 10,000 fans plus".

"We are proud of what we've done in a short time and the Cup exposed both our team and our administration to what is required to stage and play in an international tournament," concluded Brent.

LEADING SCORERS: 10 Carlos Aguilera (Mexico), 8 Charlie Akkary (Australia), Rolando Hoffmann (New Zealand), 6 Greg Lejniek (USA), 6 Koichi Mikami (Japan) Frederico Rodrigues (Mexico), 5 Pedro Reges (Mexico) Luis Rodrigues (Mexico) Gerardo Rodrigues (Mexico) Mark Avender (Canada) George Titinger (USA).

AUSTRALIAN SCORERS: 8 Charlie Akkary, 2 Robbie Stewart Richie Barnard Ergin Osman, 1 Hector Martinez Gil Tour Phil Dolton.

Below: Australia's HECTOR MARTINEZ and Top Right: Australia's top scorer CHARLIE AKKARY.



INDOOR SIDELIGHTS

OVER 10,000 fans saw the Buffalo Pacific Indoor Soccer Cup at the National INDOOR SPORTS Centre, CANBERRA.

This included 2,856 at the final.

SBS Television will telecast the series shortly — to be screened in the evening and also at 4pm for young viewers.

Commentary will be by Mike Hill with expert comments from Australian assistant coach and coach of the Canberra City Strikers, Jim Roberts.

Australian national coach Nik Nicolopoulos rated his team captain Robbie Stuart as the best Australian player during the series.

He also paid special tribute to young Queenslander Richie Barnard and Ergin Osman from the Sydney Tornadoes club.

The Australian squad for the World Cup next year (30-40 players) will assemble for another training camp at the Australian Institute of Sport in August.

Coach Nicolopoulos plans seven training camps between now and the world finals next year.

Commitments in Spain prevented Brasilian coach Zego from making it to the Pacific Cup.

The legendary Brasilian Futsal star will now arrive late August for a national coaching campaign.

The Pacific Indoor Soccer Cup will be telecast on Skychannel and Club Superstation as well as the SBS Network.



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VICTORIA TRIUMPHANT

BY JUNIOR WRITER 'RUSHY'

THE Victorian team managed to hold out NSW after scoring in the twelfth minute to win the Under 18 National Championships Talent Identification scheme at Valentine Park.

NSW were disappointing after looking most impressive during the week. However coach Alan Vest was not prepared to make any excuses and stated that Victoria deserved their win.

In a game of few chances to either side, the southern team scored when a short corner was played to Marian Radabuljac who whipped his cross to the edge of the six yard box finding the head of Damien Mori who made no mistake.



JOHN MARKOVSKI

NSW caused the Victorian defence many problems down the right flank and Jason Higgs had a number of fine shots just touched around the post by Paul Malcolm, the Victorian goalkeeper.

A memorable win to the Victorian team and one which the NSW lads and the other states will be trying to avenge at next year's championships.

SEMI FINAL Western Australia vs Tasmania

Western Australia dominated play in a high scoring match.

Darren Freeman climbed high in the eighth minute to head home a

NATIONAL U18 CHAMPIONSHIPS

from Steven Starr just past the keeper who had been slow to get off his line.

From this moment on the game began to open up with both teams having opportunities to win the match.

The match never reached any great heights and indeed the lads from both teams appeared to be feeling the effects of the weeks football.

QLD 2 (Shane Haddow, Michael Clarkson). ACT 1 (Stephen Vancetti).

SEMI FINAL N.NSW vs Victoria

Congratulations to the players from both teams for the standard of play exhibited in this fine game of football.

N.NSW looked the bet-

ter team in the first half, playing some superb diagonal balls to the flanks only to have the crosses pick off by an acrobatic keeper.

The Victorians best chance in the first half came when John Markovski won the ball in midfield and passed a delightful ball into the path of Scott Wilson whose first time shot was only inches wide of the post.

The second half began with the Victorians well on top. However they were unable to convert any of the many opportunities created and having applied the pressure for some 15 minutes with no result, tempers began to fray.

To the Southerners credit they managed to regain self-control and indeed this was necessary as the Northern team were finishing the stronger.

No score on the board at

full time took the teams into an extra ten minutes each way.

During extra time the game opened up and after two minutes, Victorian George Slivkas hit a boomer from 35 metres forcing the keeper to arch backwards and push the ball over the bar.

N.NSW looked certain to score in the fifth minute as Alan Gilday chipped the keeper, only to be denied by the defender Paul Babic.

With only 30 seconds remaining and the dreaded penalties looking imminent Markovski received the ball from Babic on the edge of the area and caught the defence square, beating two defenders and then the keeper to give N.NSW no chance of coming back and putting Victoria into the final.

Victoria 1 (J. Markovski) N.NSW 0.

SEMI FINAL NSW vs South Australia

NSW controlled the play through the entire first half against a SA team who were prepared to sit back and wait.

The South team only managed to enter the opposition half of a few occasions and only once did they see the penalty area.

NSW however found it difficult to penetrate the strong defence.

In the 49th minute NSW broke the deadlock when Steve Refenes played a looping diagonal ball to the edge of the area which was not cleared cleanly allowing the striker Paul Welch to duck in and hammer home from 15 metres.

SA tried to get back into the match however they never troubled a strong NSW defence.

NSW 1 (Paul Welch) SA 0.

PLAY OFF FOR 7th and 8th ACT vs Tasmania

In a game played in blustery conditions, both teams wasted chances in what was a rather dull and unattractive first half.

The only highlights were saves from both keepers after long range shots on target.

Early in the second half Tasmania scored against the run of play through Clinton Brown. However they were unable to hold out the ACT team who equalised shortly afterwards through Bill Papadopoulos, and soon had the lead when Luka Ujdr scored after a goal mouth scramble.

The game was sewn up in the 65th minute when Elvis Glavinic headed the ball home from a Stephen Vanzetti corner.

ACT 3 (Bill Papadopoulos, Luka Ujdr, Elvis Glavinic), Tasmania 1 (Clinton Brown).

WOMEN'S SOCCER SCENE



NSW WOMENS

PUTNEY TOWN UNBEATABLE

PUTNEY Town could have cause to celebrate winning the 1987 State League although their is two rounds to go.

They have a lead of seven points over their nearest rival Pagewood, and are clearly in an unbeatable position.

It will now be a matter of who comes second. Putney beat Pagewood 2-0 which sealed the League for them. Pagewood could have played out a draw but in the second half made some changes to go for broke for a win.

This left the defence very vulnerable with Putney's first goal coming from some sloppy defence, leaving Putney's Carol Vinson with a gift of a goal. Putney's second goal came from a through ball from Margaret Young

to Carol Vinson who complemented the pass by making no mistake with her finishing.

Pagewood had a chance to get back into the game, being awarded a penalty which was converted, but the referee ruled that it be taken again with the second attempt being missed.

BLACKTOWN City and Parramatta City played a 0-0 draw. For two of the biggest rivals in the League it was remarked that the game was played in very good spirits. It could have gone either way with a draw proving to be a fair result.

Manly, who have been improving all year, got their second win of the season by defeating Epping-Eastwood 1-0, both teams had plenty of chances to take the lead but eventually the game was decided by a penalty.

Rhonda Withers, who has one of the hardest

shots in the game, scored from the penalty spot.

Reserve Grade

PUTNEY Town and Pagewood played a nil all draw. Pagewood had the better of Putney in this game but failed to capitalise on the many chances they had in front of goal.

BLACKTOWN City defeated Parramatta City 3-2. Parramatta did a fine job in this game with only nine players and were unlucky to go down.

MANLY lost 3-0 to Epping-Eastwood. The Epping team made amends for their earlier defeat in the season by Manly.

NSW WOMEN'S SL

FIRST GRADE
Putney Town 2 Pagewood 0, Blacktown City 0 Parramatta City 0, Manly 1 Epping-Eastwood 0.

RESERVE
Putney Town 0 Pagewood 0.

Blacktown City 3 Parramatta City 2, Manly 0 Epping-Eastwood 3.

FIRST GRADE

Putney T.....	13	10	3	0	35	7	23
Pagewood.....	13	7	2	4	27	14	16
Bl'town C.....	12	7	1	4	13	11	15
P'matta C.....	12	5	2	5	19	16	12
E'wood.....	13	2	0	11	14	36	4
Manly.....	11	2	0	9	5	29	4

SECOND GRADE

Putney T.....	13	7	6	0	22	3	20
E'wood.....	13	6	3	4	23	17	15
Pagewood.....	13	5	4	17	14	14	14
P'matta City.....	13	5	3	5	25	16	13
Bl'town C.....	12	4	2	6	21	19	10
Manly.....	12	2	0	10	49	4	

NSW AMATEURS STATE CUPS

U21 ROBERTSON CUP
Panania 3 Granville 2
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NSL YOUTH LEAGUE BY ALISTAIR RUSSELL

MARCONI, led by goalscorer extraordinaire Chris Ackerley, turned in their most impressive performance of the season in handing Warringah a football lesson at Marconi Stadium last Sunday.

Ackerley now leads the scorers' list with 13 goals in as many matches. His eight goal spree included six in the last half hour and two penalties.

St George continued the pressure on Olympic at the top but were less than impressive in downing Sutherland 2-1 with the Shire almost grabbing a late equaliser.

The shock of the round saw the inconsistent Croatia beaten 2-1 by Manly, while Melita also struggled scoring a late winner at home to defeat Uruguay 2-1.

APIA meanwhile held down third place easily disposing of Canterbury 3-0 at Lambert Park.

MARCONI 13 WARRINGAH 0

The fashion in which Warringah succumbed to the green tide on Sunday confirms their position as cellar dwellers and favourites for the wooden spoon.

Agas Agamemonos netted the first after three

ACKERLEY BAGS EIGHT IN MARCONI RUNAWAY

played an extra few matches must keep the present winning streak in order against Melita next weekend.

MARCONI: Catlin (Jones), Ortega, Cortes, Aglasotis, Sterrey, Budini, Curro, Carbone, Agamemonos (Castro), Ackery, Lovan (Vanezas). Best: Chris Ackerley, Paul Cortes, Agas Agamemonos.

WARRINGAH: Zucaro, Landini, Buzzano, Cirino, Cayirlys, Simpson, Russo, Ruperti, Graziani, Mule, Dunn.

APIA 3 CANTERBURY 0

Apia continue to be the quiet achievers of the League and with a match in hand are only three points from the Saints. The complexion of their position could

Ackerley added goals in the 61st, 70th, 71st, 83rd and 85th minutes while sub Carlos Vanegas in the 60th and Freddie Ortega in the 88th completed the rout.

To add to the Warringah problems Scott Cayirlys was dismissed for an alleged bad tackle midway through the second half.

Marconi hold down fourth place but having

in the pressure cooker atmosphere of the semi-finals, when the result hinges on a penalty shootout and of course Greedy's undoubted talent in front of the sticks.

APIA: Greedy, Ancora, Bakirtsis, Papothis, Criticos, Pettonen (Zulio), Brady, Masl, Zervas, Djordjeski (Hadden), Parison.

CANTERBURY: Mihas, Diles, Ikonopoulos, P. Giannopoulos (Kokkinis), Kerry, Palapanis, Renanitis (Georgopoulos), Karavatas, Lampropoulos, Beris, Daniel.

MELITA 2 URUGUAY 1

Melita suffered a scare at home only scoring the winner against second bottom Uruguay in the final minutes.

Against Canterbury at home the result was never in doubt with Lupko Djordjeski scoring from the edge of the box after just five minutes.

Tony Parson added to his impressive tally this season with a fine individual goal beating two players before netting in the 26th minute.

Terry Greedy once again appeared on the scoresheet with an 88th minute penalty for his third goal of the season.

Perhaps Rale Rasic may feel a need for Greedy

tes left and only a brilliant save denying an equaliser.

Slavenski beat three players and slotted under the diving keeper for the first in the 34th minute to give the Saints a slender 1-0 lead at the break.

Carlo Giovenco went close three minutes into the second half almost equalising with a shot just wide.

Joe Caleta drove over the top from point blank range in the 68th but was on target two minutes later with a shot deflecting off a defender sending the keeper the wrong way to seemingly put the match beyond Sutherland.

Daryl Sharpe broke away down the left flank and netted in brilliant fashion from an acute angle. King almost stole the show for the Southerners but was denied by a magnificent save from George Bouhoussos five minutes from time.

SUTHERLAND: Avellino, Myles, Daly, Ashton, Collo, Pidcock, McEvoy, Blake (Gomez), Klinkacovski, Versi, Bath (Pratt).

Best Players: Carmine Collo, Ashton, Tony Versi.

URUGUAY: Carbajal, Leikier, Rodriguez, Pazos, Crane, Martinez, Rossini (Pauling), Gomez, Guero, Disciclo, Genc.

Best Players: Alex Disciclo, Cambek Genc, Pazos.

SUTHERLAND 1 ST GEORGE 2

Sutherland in recent weeks have been unlucky in losing vital matches against the top sides by close margins.

Last Sunday was no exception as they fought back from 2-0 pulling a goal back with 10 minu-

tes to go.

ST GEORGE: Bouhoussos, Hammat, Talevski, Drossos, Giezenkamp (Kotevski), Kotsias, Caleta, Aranyi (Sould), Hughes, Illic.

Best Players: Robert Hammat, Bill Drossos, Zoren Illic.

HIGHFIELDS AZZURRI DOUBLE UP

BY DAVE WILLIAMS

HIGHFIELDS Azzurri, following two wins over Austral United, and West Wallsend's loss to Adamstown Rosebud last weekend, has moved from fifth place into fourth in the Tooheys Northern New South Wales State First Division premiership.

In a deferred match at Austral Park on Saturday, Craig Curry gave Azzurri a 1-0 halftime lead over Austral with a spectacular 30 metre drive.

Ross Wells made it 2-0 in the second half before Wayne Bailey broke the

ice for Austral.

The two teams met again the following day in the normal draw at Whitebridge, where Azzurri won a tough, exciting match with a goal six minutes from fulltime.

Renato Martinelli, one

of Azzurri's best on the day, did the lead up work on the right and centred perfectly for David Sweeney to touch the ball wide of the Austral keeper, Steve Clarkson.

The six points gained from the two victories have put Highfields on

21 points, six behind the competition leader, Adamstown Rosebud, three behind second placed Belmont-Swansea United and level with West Wallsend, but behind that team on goal difference.

At the Adamstown Sports Ground on Sunday, Adamstown and West Wallsend provided good entertainment in a match that Adamstown

won on a Sean Ingham goal five minutes after the kick-off.

It seems that West Wallsend failed to take advantage of several goal-scoring opportunities in the second half.

Lake Macquarie City moved seven points clear of bottom team Central Coast with a 2-1 win against Wallsend at

Macquarie Field. Kerry Caban scored for Lake

Macquarie and a Wallsend own goal cancelled out the goal scored by John Parkes for the loser.

Belmont-Swansea United maintained its steady run towards the semi-finals with a 2-0 victory against Cardiff at Lymington Park. The Belswans' scorers were Peter Winsor and Ian Johns, who has now scored 11 goals from 12 games.

In the other match played on Saturday,

Weston recovered from its 6-0 loss to Lake Macquarie the previous week to beat Central Coast 3-2 at Lisarow.

Peter Killen opened the scoring for Weston but Paul Corbett made it 1-1 before halftime.

Stuart Heap scored for Weston a minute after the resumption and Killen added his second goal for a 3-1 lead. But Dale Eggleton scored with a Central Coast penalty kick on fulltime, leaving the Coast still with only one win for the season.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

PGH FEDERATION CUP TAKES OVER

BY TOM MCKAIN

WITH the SA State poised for the five-game run home, teams get a break this weekend for the quarter-finals of the PGH Federation Cup.

Only one of the League title challengers is involved, Croatia playing against Birkalla (second bottom on the league table).

Croatia is now in third place after whipping Polo-

nia 3-0 last weekend, but Hellas, former NSL champions, are back in second place on 25 points to Croatia's 24 after beating Apac 2-0.

It now seems inevitable that the league title show-

down for a playoff place to enter the West End National League will come when Hellas are at home to leaders Salisbury (27 points) on August 1.

The district side defeated second placed Beograd 2-0 at the latter's ground and sunk them to fourth place on 24 points, behind Croatia on goal dif-

ference.

The Croatians go in favourites for the Cup against Birkalla this week although the latter has been lifted by a 3-0 away win against Lion last Saturday.

It was only the second victory for Birks this season to put them on eight points, four ahead of cel-

lar-dweller Apac, doomed for relegation and one point adrift of Azzurri.

The latter crashed by the only goal of the game against Campbelltown, who are at home to Whyalla Croatia in the Cup on Saturday.

Campbelltown, last year's champions are out of the League hunt in fifth place with 22 points.

Azzurri, holders of the Cup, are home to Para Hills, now 7th (17 points) on the league ladder after a 1-1 draw with Cumber-

land, ninth on 10 points, six behind Lion.

The other quarter-finlists will ensure a Second Division team will make the semi-finals as Noarlunga are at home to title challengers Seaford.

On league form Croatia is favourite for the Cup, but Azzurri appear to be a knockout specialists as they were eighth in the league last year but managed to win the Cup.

And Campbelltown cannot be written off as they appear to have climbed

out of their slump - but they will not have to underestimate Whyalla, who always fight like Tigers when they get a chance to meet city teams.

If there is to be an upset it will come from Birkalla.

The arrival of Ernie Briscoe from English club Sheffield Wednesday has lifted the district team.

The younger brother of Birkalla's Alby Briscoe, he has now settled and along with his brother scored last week. He has attracted the attention of at least two National league clubs.

pete at Parklea on July 27th, 29th and 31st in a round robin competition with NSW Independent and NSW Catholic schools. These games will start at 6pm.

NSW CHS I's

M. Bosnich, S. Houghton, K. Agiasotis, M. Blagojevic (MSW), J. Allport, J. Danzo, M. Bonetig, G. Kearton (S. Coast), D. Scott (MW), Z. Naumovski, R. Harmat (ME), B. Caisley (MN), P. Krestevski (H).

Manager R. Pratt (MW). Coach C. James (ME).

NSW CHS II's

T. Milenkovski, P. Bott, (S. Coast), P. Boyle, T. Ide, T. Daley, C. Isaacs (MN), J. Dmoch, G. Gilchrist (N. Coast), T. Lovan, V. Calic, G. Tastemir, (MSW), T. Paraskevaidas (ME), J. Govan (H).

Coach C. Bryne (MSW).

Following these games the NSW CHS squad for the National Titles in Perth will be announced. In addition a NSW All Schools squad will be selected.

ANDY KUN MAINTAINS INTEREST

mains as interested as ever in the progress of the game.

As a leading official of



NSW is far and away the biggest centre for women's football in Australia. This picture at Morrison Bay was taken in a match between two teams in the Gladesville-Hornby WFA.

— Photo: MICHAEL SARA

MIDFIELDER McGRAN AIDS ROCHEDALE

BY JUSTIN COOMBER

XXXX Soccer League newcomers Rochedale Rovers appear certain to keep their place in next year's competition after jumping to fifth position on the ladder with a 2-0 defeat of Taringa at Perry Park last week.

Rochedale were boosted by Celtic star Danny McGrain in his first guest appearance and Irish signing Sean Armstrong after the pair arrived the same morning on a 26-hour flight from England.

Even though Rochedale have gained fifth place, it is unlikely they will be one of the teams involved when the semifinals take place at the end of the sea-

son as there is a six-point gap to be bridged before they can knock out fourth-placed Easts.

McGrain played in midfield and looks as though he will do a good job for Rochedale in his next two appearances with his constructive distribution of the ball. Armstrong came on in the backline in the second half and was not given much work by the Taringa fullback.

Rochedale now have their full quota of three visa players with Irishman John McDade, who walked into the club a month ago looking to play during his 12 month working stay here. He appears to be another handy acquisition.

McDade played a dominant role in his first match with the southside team two weeks ago in Rochedale's gutsy 3-2 win over Ipswich United at Perry Park. He has played with Armstrong in the League of Ireland and the two should combine well in the Rochedale outfit.

Colin Simpson, a recent signing from North Star, scored both goals. The first came in the ninth minute when he intercepted a pass back to Taringa's keeper Andrew Laps and then chipped it into the net.

He netted again in the 34th minute when he blasted a 30 metre shot into the top right corner of the goal.

Taringa lacked punch in attack and missed several one-on-one opportunities against Rochedale keeper Bobby Cox, who was faultless.

North Star scraped

home against Olympic United 1-0 with a goal from hard working midfielder Ross Swan in the 85th minute at O'Callaghan Park.

Olympic's loss saw them drop to sixth on the ladder and they were without player-coach Mike Milovanovic who has an injured thigh.

Former National League side Azzurri Brisbane City fired in the second half against Ipswich United at Spencer Park to post a 3-0 victory.

Ipswich were left battered by the onslaught with three players leaving the field injured.

Goalkeeper John Bennett (shoulder) and fullbacks Brett Kitching and Keith Broom (knees) left the field and after running out of replacements Ipswich were left with only nine men for the last 18 minutes of the match.

City coach Juan Cutillas sounded a warning to former National League rivals Brisbane Lions for their next clash two weeks away.

"We did a lot of very good teamwork today and we will be ready for Lions this time," he said.

Redlands pulled the

surprise of the round out of the bag when they drew 1-1 with Easts at Heath Park.

Redlands play North Stars next and player-coach Steve Perry is looking for a minimum of one point from the clash.

Last year's grand final and Ampol Cup winners Coalstars ended Mount Gravatt's hopes of finishing in the top four with a 2-1 win at Bundamba and Lions maintained their position on the top of the ladder when they downed Grange Thistle 3-1 at Richlands.

QUEENSLAND

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G'VILLE HANDLES CITY

SYDNEY City proved no match for a strong Gladesville team who stormed to a 6-0 under 13 win on Saturday.

The side is certainly putting it all together at the right time of the year.

Gladesville opened the scoring early in the game with a goal from Brett McKee and Craig Latham and Glenn Starke managed to score another three to make the half time score four nil.

Sydney City showed much more determination in the second half. But superior skills saw Gladesville score twice more through Andrew Mazatelli and Starke.

The City lads had a chance to get on the score sheet late in the game when the referee awarded them a penalty. Unfortunately for them the shot was wide.

Under 14s

Both teams went into the match looking for a win to avoid the much dreaded wooden spoon, but Gladesville won out 5-1.

Paul Nielsen opened the scoring for Gladesville in the 12th minute after Adam Lincoln made a fine run cutting across the middle of the park and pushing the ball wide for Alan Menin to cross low and firm from the base line.

In the second half Sydney City came out breathing fire and put together a tremendous move to level the scores after 10 minutes.

Gladesville then stepped up a gear and began pouring on the pressure.

Michael Masulans, playing up an age group, scored when a Mehin free kick found him unmarked on the edge of the six yard box.

Sydney City continued to give away free kicks around the edge of the area and Menin twice curled the resulting kicks directly into the net.

Alan scored his hat-trick during the last few minutes

NORTH BANKSTOWN

NORTH BANKSTOWN under 13 Youth League team are far from giving up in their quest for a position in the finals.

Although seemingly just out of contention in the game against Sydney Croatia it was a case when the best team can lose.

The side plays attractive Soccer, but they have carried the pressure of a missed penalty in the first round against leaders Canterbury and an 'overtime' game with a late penalty to Croatia.

Supporters of other clubs patronised our raffle, and the winners were: \$100 fashions menswear Mrs. Aloisi, 2nd Mrs K. French, 3 Mr K. Angal.

The assistance will enable the team to conduct its end of the year trip.

when Craig Latham was fouled in the box and awarded a penalty.

An excellent all round performance from the Gladesville team with support from the Under 13s, who more than capably filled in for the missing players.

Uruguay — Penrith vs Bankstown

After a losing streak the Uruguayan Penrith U13 team once again found some form and defeated Bankstown 3-0.

The first goal came from a corner and after a number of challenges the ball fell for J. Frendo who shot first time into the net.

The second was scored after a fine build-up which found J. Alavalon inside the box with only the keeper to beat. The keeper came off his line quickly in an attempt to close but the ball was coolly placed past him.

The result was a good one for the Uruguay — Penrith team and in no way disgraced Bankstown who to their credit put in a good performance.

Under 14s

With 15 minutes of the first half gone Uruguay opened the scoring after a classic South American flick by O. Baussi which put C. Tapia in the clear to finish superbly with a left foot drive.

The Uruguay team consolidated their lead in the second half with a goal by C. Oyarce and another on the stroke of full time when the referee awarded a penalty which was easily converted by F. Sosa to

close the account for Uruguay-Penrith.

The Bankstown team battled gallantly however a constantly improving Uruguay team proved to be strong.

Under 15s

The Uruguayan U15s went into the match confident of a win after an easy victory in the first round and finally defeated Bankstown 1-0.

The confidence was short lived as a much improved Bankstown team provided some stiff opposition.

The match was closely fought tussle with both teams missing chances and either could have easily taken the points.

Uruguay broke the deadlock midway through the second half after a good build up on the right by P. Penna.

Penna provided a fine cross to S. Stojcivski who volleyed first time into the back of the net.

Bankstown fought hard to equalise however Uruguay successfully held out and at times looked like extending their lead.

In the end one goal was enough to give the South American outfit the points.

TALENT IDENTIFICATION STRUCTURE

THE chart comprising the third part of Alan Vest's coaching article has been held over until next week.

UMBRO SPONSOR

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

TEN teams have arrived from the United States to compete for the International Umbro Cup Tournament which kicks off tomorrow at Sydney's Valentine Park.

The entire contingent consists of 253 people (163 players plus officials and supporters).

The members, largely from California, will be hosted by Sydney's Winston Hills Soccer Club.

One team is from the state of Nevada.

Winston Hills' Liaison officer is Mr Les Britto.

The Umbro Cup Tournament will be played from tomorrow, (Thursday) through to Saturday.

Mr Peter Bent, travel consultant with Sydney's Gullivers Sports Travel and responsible for looking after the American group in Sydney, told ASW last night: "The teams range in age brackets from the Under 13s up to the Under 17s."

"Three of the teams squads are girls.

"They are called California Girls, Mission Viejo and Ventura.

"The seven boys'

squads are California Surf, Wave Warriors, Sea Hawks, Quicksilver, High Voltage and Mission Viejo.

Winston Hills Soccer Club yesterday staged a Bar-B-Q for the Americans.

Last night the club wined and dined the officials and parents of the travelling party at the club's premises.

Mr Britto told ASW: "We would like to acknowledge the great assistance we have received in making the Americans comfortable from some other clubs."

"Helping us out have been the Pendle Hills Soccer Club, Blacktown 'Spurs and the Hills Independent club."

The first match of the Umbro Cup Tournament kicks off tomorrow at 1pm.

On Friday the first match is scheduled for 9.30am.

The finals on Saturday start at 10am.

1987 ACTWSA U18 SQUAD

THE ACT women's under 18 squad has been competing in the National Talent Identification Tournament in Brisbane.

Here is a brief guide to the players and officials:

Karen Avls — a utility player with Downer Olympic known for her good ball control and deceptive turn.

Katrina Alexander — a midfielder from Belconnen United with an accurate shot and whose thoughtful distribution of play creates many opportunities. Was vice captain of the Australian Youth team which toured to Dallas and is vice captain of the Under 18s.

Laura Fisher — dedicated backline player from Weston Creek with a great turn of speed. Member of the Australian Youth Team which went to Dallas.

Helen Gombar — A reliable defensive player and a great asset to Queanbeyan, Helen is a good team player.

Sara King — an acrobatic goalkeeper with Stormbirds who doubles as a useful field player. Sara was selected in the Under 15 Australian Squad last year.

Helen Kirkup — a here, there and everywhere player from Belconnen who makes an enthusiastic contribution to the team.

Sarah Lonsdale — a defence and midfield player from Belconnen. She is a top team player with good organisational ability. Sarah is the captain of the Under 18 squad.

Katarina Lorch — a utility player from Wodonga Diamonds, Katarina is an asset to the team.

Chris Ault — squeeze-edged in task of manager before going overseas.

Jacquie McCrae — a new representative official with sports studies and trainer's skills.

Another Belconnen product.

Sophia Matthas — a utility player from Downer Olympic, Sophie is swift of foot and high of spirit.

Stacie Murphy — plays forward or midfield for Weston Creek and is always a determined attacker.

Trilby Rippon — plays on the right for Stormbirds, either back or half. Trilby is a staunch defender and at 14 is one of the youngest in the squad.

Kirsten Smith — ANU's attempt to inject some youth and speed into the unit. Kirsty is a sensible defender who reads play well and will head anything, even Bronwyn's goal kicks.

Sacha Walnwright — a left winger for Stormbirds who is resilient, fast aggressive and never seems to get tired. Selected in the Australian Under 15 Squad last year. Sacha will give any back a run for her money.

Kim Williams — another keen and speedy attacker, this one's from Weston Creek where she plays right wing or centre forward. Kim's ambition is to become an Australian player. At age 13, she's got plenty of time to make it.

Tanya Basic — another import from Albury Wodonga.

Alex Focken — an agile forward from Downer Olympic with a very accurate shot. Alex was selected in the Australian Under 15 Squad last year.

Clive Mackillop — Coach of the team and also National Youth Coach and Assistant National Senior Coach.

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WOMEN'S SOCCER SCENE



WOMEN

VICTORIA U18 TEAM

VICTORIA competed in the U18 National Championship and the team members were:

Karyn Blokkeerus, Jodie Davies, Leanne Hamilton, Charity James, Melinda Marty, Ady Sarcozy, Mary-Jane Kearney, Loraine Kearney (all Coburg), Julie Boyes (Mossfield Rangers), Joanne Crombie, Sandra White (Sunbury), Chez Grudgefield, Angela Mackie (Nunawading), Denise Wright (North Dandenong).

The team is basically the same as last year's U17 State team with the exception of Blokkeerus, a new goal-keeper, and Mackie a promising player who has made great progress since state training began.

A disappointing omission this year is the injured Rachel Tolan, who was

selected for the Australian U18 squad last year.

Two of the players, D. Wright and Hamilton, have recently returned from the USA where they played in the Australian U18 team in the Dallas Cup tournament.

Marty was also selected in the Australian U18 squad, although she did not travel to Texas.

Victorian coach Shona Bass says her team has improved immensely since last year and have an advanced understanding of the game's principles.

A Post-Graduate student in Exercise Physiology at Philip Institute of Technology, Shona is herself a player of considerable national standing.

She has played for Victoria since 1974 and captained four times. She was also selected for the Australian squad from 1977-80 and 85-87 and played for Australia in International championships in 1979-80 and 86.

Shona is also an experienced coach, with a Level 3 (senior) Coaching Badge and four years as player/coach for league team Coburg A (previously Greensborough), who have won the league title eleven times in the past thirteen years.

The assistant coach is Janine MacPhee, and the Manager is Betty Hoar.

NATIONAL U18 CHAMPIONSHIPS

at Parklea, Sydney.

GROUP A

WA	3	4	5	-1	3
ACT	3	2	6	-4	0
SA	3	5	3	2	5
Vic	3	5	2	3	4

GROUP B

NSW	3	3	1	2	5
N.NSW	3	6	3	3	5
Tas	3	1	4	-3	1
Qld	3	1	3	-2	1

RESULTS

Round 1	WA 2 vs ACT 0, SA 1 vs Vic 0, NSW 1 vs N.NSW 1, Tas 0 vs Qld 0.
Round 2	WA 1 vs SA 1, ACT 0 vs TAS 0, N.NSW 2 vs Qld 1.
Round 3	WA 1 vs Vic 4, N.NSW 3 vs Tas 1, NSW 1 vs Qld 0.

SEMI FINALS

NSW 1 vs SA 0, N.NSW 0 vs Vic 1 AET, WA 7 vs Tas 1, ACT 1 vs Qld 2.

FINALS

ACT 3 Tas 1, Qld 1 vs WA 0, N.NSW 3 vs SA 1.
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GRAND FINAL

Vic 1 vs NSW 0.
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JOHN HEDISON AT THE HELM

BY GEORGE CHURCHWARD

IF there were more hours in the day JOHN HEDISON would utilise them for the good of Soccer. Apart from his normal occupation, Soccer could be called his life style.

Newly elected president of the NSW Amateur Soccer Federation Ltd and a unanimous choice by the Board of Directors, he takes over after a very successful period under the chairmanship of Ian Holmes, who was recently appointed secretary of the NSW Soccer Federation Ltd.

There are very few facets of the game that John is not familiar with. He has played junior Soccer, is a qualified coach, and has had vast experience as an administrator.

At 14 years of age he was playing with Carrs Park, and transferred to Kogarah Waratahs at 15.

Looking further ahead, he was elected Secretary of Kogarah Waratahs at 16 years of age, and became the delegate to the St George Soccer Association.

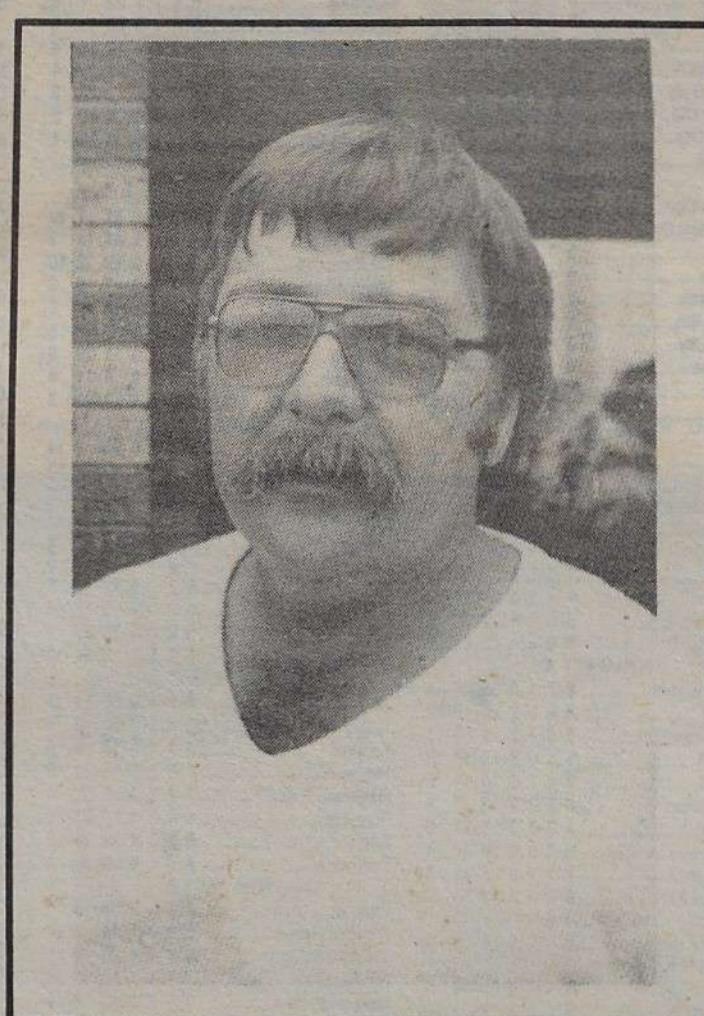
He has had unbroken service on that body, and is the present president of the Association.

During his years on the M.C. of the Association he has, among other officers, served as Junior Vice President and Secretary.

For 17 years he was on the Board of Directors of the St George Budapest licenced club, and for some time was Vice President.

He is now president of the Sydney Branch of the NSW Amateur Soccer Federation as well as NSW Coaches Federation.

For 26 years he has coached in Inter District com-



JOHN HEDISON ... NSWASF president.

Some four years ago the concept of marketing was introduced, and who started it off? — John Hedison.

There are now regular licencees signed up, and many others are trying to get a piece of the action.

He is a firm believer that the Amateurs require a full time officer to conduct its affairs.

Discussions with management consultants have already begun, and their recommendations are eagerly awaited.

Sorry John, no mention has been made of your involvement as a member of the NSW Soccer Federation Ltd Board of Directors representing the Amateurs, or your membership of the Parklea Development Sub Committee.

It is a truism that if you want a job done give it to a busy man or woman.

"Heddo" certainly does his share.

LOOKING at the Under 15 Youth League and it appears that Marconi, Sydney Olympic and Sydney City are safely in the top four with APIA likely to join them.

Marconi are the only team with a chance of squeezing in, and favourable results may well see them make it.

In division B a similar situation exists with Sydney Croatia and Blacktown Association filling the top two positions and Polonia, Avala and Canterbury in a tight struggle to make up the four.

Avala Under 16s are disappointed at being unable to defeat Nth Bankstown in their recent clash and they will need to win every game from now as well as hoping for a Nth Bankstown hiccup or two if they are to upset the top four.

At the moment Croatia, Macarthur, Sutherland and North appear safe although the order is still uncertain.

Blacktown City, Marconi and St George make up the top three in Under 16 Division A while APIA will be under pressure from Sydney Olympic for the final semi's berth.

The next five weeks should produce some of the seasons best football as the various teams work hard to secure semi-final positions and build toward winning the much sought after championships.

Best of luck to all teams in the coming weeks.

NSW Youth League ROUND 19 SATURDAY 11th JULY GROUP A

Cant/Marrick	v	Central Coast	2-1	1-3	3-2	3-2
Sthn Districts	v	Nepean	0-1	2-1	1-0	1-0
Gladesville	v	Sydney City	6-0	5-1	0-7	3-1
GROUP B						
Blacktown	v	Sutherland	1-2	0-2	5-0	1-1
MacArthur	v	Croatia	0-0	0-3	0-1	0-0
Manly	v	Avala	2-1	6-0	3-0	1-1
Nth. Bankstown	v	Yugal	1-0	2-2	3-1	4-0
Canterbury	v	Campbelltown City	11-0	1-1	6-1	2-0
Rockdale	v	Polonia	1-3	1-3	1-4	4-4
Uruguay/Pen	v	Bankstown	2-0	3-0	1-0	URU

RUSHY'S CORNER

MARK Bosnich, Under 15 year old goalkeeper playing with Sydney Croatia's Under 16s as well as the Australian Under 16 team, had an unfortunate accident at training before leaving for Canada.

Mark dislocated a thumb and may well have had to miss the first few trial matches, however he is confident of being fit for the World Cup matches.

Best of luck to all the lads in their quest which began on Sunday, I am sure they will give it their best shot.

Yet another weekend of washed out games, Competition Secretary Bill Cullinan is doing a tremendous job as are all the NSW Amateur Soccer Federation officials in re-organising these matches.

At the moment there are some 34 games to be played and only five weeks until the quarter finals.

Age Change?

It appears very likely that a new age bracket will apply next year to all junior Soccer played in the NSW Amateur Soccer Federation.

At the moment, if you were born between January 1st and December 31st of 1973 for example, you would be eligible to play Under 14s or higher.

Under the new system, players born between August 1st 1973 and July 31st 1974 will next year be eligible to play Under 14s or older.

This means that approximately one third of the players playing in a particular age group this year will be able to play in that age group a second year in a row.

The new age bracketing is designed to bring Australia in line with the rest of the world.

Watch this page for the results of the various meetings presently taking place which will affect this decision.

Swerve

Twenty players from Gladesville Hornsby's Under 14 teams spent the first week of the school holidays training with the Youth League team at Santa Rosa Park.

The highlight of the week was a free-kick taking session run by APIA National Youth League player, Kazan Hadden.

Kazan spent a year playing in Argentina and during this time learnt the art of swerving and curving the ball from set plays.

The advice given to the players at the end was to PRACTICE, PRACTICE, PRACTICE, as only through many hours of practice can perfection be achieved.

Excellent advice I'm sure you will agree.

ADRIATIC YOUTH LEAGUE

ROUND 22 SATURDAY 18TH JULY GROUP A

Melita	v	Marconi	Merita Stadium
St George	v	Sydney Olympic	Peakhurst Park
APIA	v	Blacktown City	Lambert Park
Central Coast	v	Illawarra	Bill Plumb Mem.
Nepean	v	Cant/Marrick.	Cook Park
Sthn Districts	v	Gladesville	Ernie Smith
Sydney City	v	Ku-ring-gai	Syd. Athletic

GROUP B

Sutherland	v	Croatia	Bates Drives
Avala	v	Macarthur	Knight Park
Manly	v	Nth Bankstown	Cromer Park
Campbelltown C.	v	Blacktown	Lynwood Park
Canterbury	v	Polonia	Blick Oval
Uruguay/Pen	v	Rockdale	Mona Park
Banksstown	v	Yugal	Memorial Oval

NSW Youth League

ROUND 19 SATURDAY 11th JULY GROUP A

	U13	U14	U15	U16
Illawarra	v	Marconi	0-4	0-1
Sydney Olympic	v	Melita	1-0	2-2
Blacktown City	v	St. George	2-0	0-1
Ku-Ring-Gai	v	Apia	washed	2-1

TALENT IDENTIFICATION STRUCTURE IN NSW

(The third and last of a special series by NSW Director of Coaching, Alan Vest.)

IT is now time to examine just how structuring of football development takes place in the state.

STATE TEAMS — CENTRES OF EXCELLENCE
ACADEMY OF SOCCER — NATIONAL U16 SQUAD
AIS — NATIONAL YOUTH SQUAD

CLUBS — SCHOOLS
12 DISTRICT ASSOCIATIONS + 3 COUNTRY AREAS
EACH SELECT REPRESENTATIVE TEAMS

STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS
U11, U12, U13, U14, U15, U16 + COUNTRY REPS.

NATIONAL JUNIOR BODY RUN NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS
U13, U14, U15

SELECTION FOR NATIONAL U16 TEAM

AUSTRALIAN SOCCER FEDERATION RUN U16 & U18 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

SELECTION FOR NATIONAL YOUTH TEAM

SENIOR CLUBS
NATIONAL LEAGUE
STATE LEAGUE
SELECTION FOR SOCCEROOS — WORLD CUP/OLYMPIC TEAM

The coaching courses can be summarised as follows:

LEVEL 1 — 14 hours

LEVEL 2 — 42 hours

LEVEL 3 — Four Parts over one (1) year —

PART A — Residential six (6) days of instruction.

PART B — Assessment at Candidates Club

PART C — Weekend assessments at the end of the year.

PART D — Fitness for Soccer Courses

Other courses and seminars that assist the scheme are:

Bridging Course — between 2 & 3, Coaching Association Seminars, Overseas Coaches.

The main coaching system for coaches handling main junior teams is:

DIRECTOR OF COACHING

THREE PART TIME REGIONAL COACHES
FOR

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WESTERN

SOUTHERN

STAFF COACHES WHO ARE
QUALIFIED TO CONDUCT COURSES
AT LEVEL 1 & LEVEL 2

STATE COACHES

WHO COACH STATE TEAMS FOR
NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Promotion

He further said: "The code must be promoted at the highest possible level, the Amateurs are going ahead."

VICTORIA

STATE LEAGUE RESERVES

Maryborough	18 12 2 4 53 21 26
St Albans	18 10 3 5 43 30 23
Broadmeadows	17 11 0 6 40 24 22
Monbulk Falcons	17 9 4 4 36 20 22
Box Hill	18 7 7 4 27 24 21
Green Gully	18 8 4 6 37 21 20
Croydon City	17 6 8 3 35 26 16
Thomastown	17 8 3 6 28 23 19
Northcote City	17 5 8 4 35 33 18
Fawkner	17 7 4 6 33 32 18
Caulfield City	18 7 1 10 45 55 15
Springvale City	17 4 3 25 39 11
Western Subs	18 4 3 11 37 54 11
Frankston Pines	17 4 2 11 27 65 10
Oakleigh	16 12 13 21 55 4
VIC ONE	
Bulleen	16 11 2 3 22 10 24
Ringwood City	15 11 1 3 26 9 23
Sunbury Utd	10 10 3 26 12 23
Nth Dandenong	16 9 1 6 24 16 19
Altona Gate	15 8 2 5 25 14 18
Essendon City	16 7 4 5 27 18 18
Altona Rovers	15 8 1 6 23 16 17
Knox City	16 7 3 6 22 20 17
Warrbee	15 4 6 5 14 13 14
Richmond	15 1 9 5 21 11 21
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Doncaster Rovers	16 3 10 13 33 9
Nunawading City	14 1 6 7 7 16 8
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NEW SOUTH WALES

STATE BANK SOCCER LEAGUE

Lansvale v Murray Farm	1-2	2-2
INTER URBAN 4TH DIVISION		
Assyrian v Alexander	0-3	1-2
Prospect United v Cobreloa	3-4	0-0
Orange Waratah v Chullora	4-0	7-1
Arncliffe RSL v Greystanes	0-1	3-1
Lebanon v Liverpool Olympic	7-2	6-2
Hellas v Cobreloa	Not Played	
Prospect United v Assyrian	5-0	1-0
Mt. Pritchard v Luddenham Croatia	2-0	2-0

NSW STATE LEAGUE

DIV 1 GR 2	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Blacktown	15	11	4	0	37	12	26
Warringah F	15	12	2	1	36	13	26
Sutherland	15	11	1	3	35	17	23
Melita Eagles	14	9	1	4	49	16	19
Urug Penrith	15	8	2	5	25	22	18
Ku-Ring-Gai	14	6	2	6	15	12	14
W'gong Mac	11	6	2	7	14	23	14
W'gong City	15	6	1	8	19	25	13
C'berra/G	14	6	0	8	26	34	12
Canterbury	14	5	1	8	22	32	11
Newcastle	15	3	3	9	12	31	9
Rockdale	15	3	2	10	16	26	8
Manly	14	3	2	9	7	20	8
Inter/Monaro	12	0	1	11	7	45	1

STATE LEAGUE DIV 2 GR 1

P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	
Polonia	17	14	3	0	59	12	31
F Mead	18	11	3	4	41	20	25
N'B'stwn	18	9	6	3	27	20	24
Kingsford	17	10	3	4	28	16	23
Yugal	18	10	2	6	37	31	22
B'lton U	18	8	3	7	28	26	19
Queens Pk	17	8	2	7	22	26	18
Avala	18	5	7	31	27	17	
G'lville H	18	7	3	8	24	30	17
Sy Maccabi	16	5	5	6	25	30	15
Bath'75	18	5	2	11	19	31	12
D W'S	17	2	4	11	15	35	8
Artarmon	17	4	0	13	24	48	8
Cam'town	17	1	3	13	10	37	5

STATE LEAGUE DIV 2 GR 2

P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	
Kingsford	17	11	4	2	60	17	26
G'lville-H	18	11	4	3	54	19	26
Polonia	17	11	3	3	45	20	25
N'B'stwn	18	9	6	3	27	20	24
Kingsford	17	10	3	4	28	16	23
Yugal	18	10	2	6	37	31	22
B'lton U	18	8	3	7	28	26	19
Queens Pk	18	9	4	5	33	22	19
N Bankstown	18	9	4	5	33	22	19
C'belltown C	17	8	5	4	22	16	21
Avala	18	8	3	6	41	33	19
G'lville H	18	8	2	8	39	24	18
Bathurst	18	4	6	8	24	36	14
Nth Syd Art	17	3	3	11	28	41	9
Fairy Mead	18	1	3	14	22	72	5
S Maccabi	16	1	1	14	11	56	3

ACT REP CLEAN UP

POSSIBLY one of the major causes in the decline of players continuing on in Soccer within the ACT is the lack of loyalty by the Soccer Federation towards the younger players. Many of the players stay with the code until they are 15 or 16 years old and then drop out, mainly because they can see no future in continuing on in an organization which conducts much of its business behind closed doors and within select groups.

If this sounds harsh ask yourself these questions; 1. Does the ACT have junior Soccer representative teams? 2. If so when are the selection trials held? 3. If we have representative teams and trials are held where and when can my child attend?

Very few people would have these answers but you may be assured that the ACT does in fact have representative teams which travel to various states competing in championships each year.

Unfortunately registering and playing for a club team does not, although it should, give each player an equal chance to be selected to play for his state.

From enquiries made no evidence can be found of trials being held for all interested players during the last six years. During this time representative

teams have been selected from the few who attend the Soccer Academy and if we look at the current situation we find that there are in excess of 1,000 boys playing in the under 13, 14 and 15 competition of which approximately 10% attend the Academy, not all of whom would be the better players available.

There are many reasons why some do not attend the Academy including travel, commitment to his club and costs. As part of each player's fee goes towards supporting the representative team then each player should be given a fair and equal chance, within this respective age group, for ACT selection.

This is to take nothing away from the Academy. For those who can attend, it is of great benefit in learning skills and in bettering their game, but it must not be seen that this is the only way in which players are able to gain selection. Trials must be conducted and players chosen from those attending.

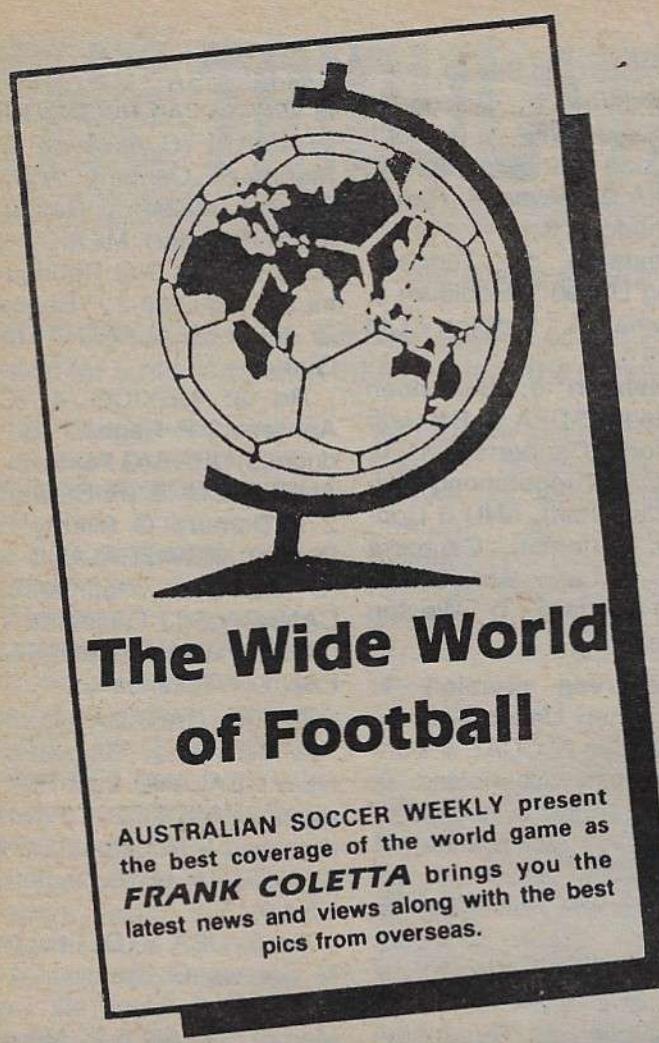
Selectors must have no affiliation with that age group nor with the Soccer Academy. If we are to see Soccer continue to grow within the ACT then we must give all a 'fair go'. Surely it must be seen as unfair that 90% of junior players have a percentage of their fees going to support 10% of the play-

NSL YOUTH LEAGUE NORTH

P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	
Olympic	12	11	1	0	42	4	23
St George	12	9	2	1	41	9	20
APIA	11	7	3	1	31	5	17
Marconi	13	8	0	5	40	21	16
Croatia	12	6	2	4	34	15	14
Melita	11	7	0	4	17	18	14
Manly	12	4	2	6	17	38	10
Sutherland	12	2	3	7	14	21	7
Canterbury	11	1	2	8	5	27	4
Uruguay	11	1	1	9	6	27	3
Warringah	13	1	0	12	4	66	2

STATE LEAGUE DIV 3 GR 1

P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	
G-Chile	17	11	4	2	54	14	26
West Utd	18	12	1	5	45	24	25
Rooft Hill	18	9	4	5	37	21	22
Uni NSW	17	10	2	5	34	21	22
Mt Druitt	18	8	6	4	23	13	22
Pt Hacking	18	10	1	7	31	26	21
Concordia	18	8	4	6	33	27	20
K. Tomislav	18	7	0	1	26	18	10
N Ryde	17	10	2	5	47	23	22
Baulk Hills	18	12	5	1	64	18	29
C'belltown	18	12	5	1	39	14	29
Baulk Hills	18	13	2	3	53	23	28
West Utd	18	9	6	3	39	21	24
Bondi Mar	17	10	4	5	38	23	24
Pt Hacking	18	10	2	5	47	23	22
Moorebank	16	9	2	5	36	22	20
G-Chile	17	6	3	8	33	28	15
K. Tomislav	18	4	4	10	20	37	12
Uni NSW	17	4	3	10	21	42	11
Mt Druitt	18	3	4	11	26	50	10
Pt Hacking	18	3	2	3	13	17	8
Canterbury	18	4	0	14	23	61	8
Concordia							



Michel Platini picked

BRILLIANT French World Cup captain Michel Platini has been included in Terry Venables' rest of the World squad to play an English Football League side at Wembley on August 8.

David Speedie signs

CHELSEA striker David Speedie is set to join Newcastle United for \$1.8m.

Newcastle's earlier bid of \$1.5m for Speedie was turned down by Chelsea but the club improved its offer and has already spoken to Speedie, who has been looking to move for the past eight months.

Howe joins Istanbul club

DON Howe, No 2 to England Soccer manager Bobby Robson, has agreed in principle to join Istanbul club Besiktas next season, a club spokesman said yesterday.

He said an agreement was reached with Howe but detailed conditions had not been worked out.

Maradona troubled

DESPITE scoring for Argentina in the Copa America, DIEGO MARADONA is being hampered by a knee injury.

REAL GOOD

REAL SOCIEDAD took the Spanish Cup Final in Zaragoza when they defeated Atletico Madrid 4-2 on penalties.

The score was locked at 2-all after extra time.

SWEDES HELD

Group 2 standing: Sweden 10pts, Italy 8, Switzerland 4, Portugal 3, Malta 1.

SCOTLAND is in line to host another major European Final thanks to the smooth running of Dundee United's UEFA Cup clash with Gothenburg.

UEFA observer RENE EBERLE reports: "We were very happy with the way the game was played, with no trouble on or off the field."

"It is very likely that another Final will be staged in Scotland soon."

THE WINNERS

AC MILAN of Italy beat Spanish League runners-up Barcelona 1-0 to win an international tournament in Milan between five of Europe's top sides.

TOUGH LUCK, GORDON

MANCHESTER United star Gordon Strachan was out of luck when he made a bid for the Hampden Park goalposts before the recent Scotland v England match.

Gordon was outbid by Kidderminster publican Bill Campbell, who paid \$12,400 for the unique souvenir but is keen to keep them in his native Scotland.

Says Bill: "I heard that Rod Stewart was going to make a bid, and my first priority was to stop him taking them out of the country."

"The posts could now be mounted in a Glasgow pub or maybe they will be made into souvenir key-rings or even cocktail sticks."

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• EUROPE

SWEDEN missed a golden opportunity to put pressure on Italy at the top of European Championship Qualifying Group Two when Switzerland held it to a 1-1 draw in Lausanne. Andrea Halter opened the scoring for the Swiss and Johnny Ekstrom grabbed the equaliser. Meanwhile France are beaten champions.

They will not be defending their title as European Champions in West Germany next year after Norway gave them that awful 2-0 hammering in Oslo.

The fantastic French team is well and truly gone. Leading that Group Three are the USSR with 9 points from five games, followed by East Germany on six, France on 4, Norway 3 and Iceland 2.

Norway's win was the first for that nation for more than three years....

Worse news for France. On that same night Sweden were handing out a 4-2 hiding to them in the Group C Olympic qualifier in Malmö.

- Sparta Prague are Czechoslovakian League Champions for the 16th time. Traditional rivals Slavia Prague have the next best record with 12 successes.

- Arie Haan has quit as coach of Belgian Champions Anderlecht to take charge of West Germany club VfB Stuttgart.

- England under 21 international Chris Fairclough has moved from Nottingham Forest to Tottenham Hotspur for an undisclosed transfer fee.

QPR have lost out in the race for Linfield's highly-rated George O'Boyle. Northern Ireland's current Young Player of the Year had been recommended to Loftus Road boss Jim Smith but has signed for French aces Bordeaux.

★★★

CHARLTON's England Under-21 striker Robbie Lee has rejected the club's offer of a new contract and wants a move, preferably to one of the other London First Division clubs.

★★★

BLACKPOOL boss Sam Ellis is set to sign a new two-year contract with the club after losing out to Mel Machin for the job of team manager at Manchester City.

COPA AMERICA

Argentina 1 Peru 1
Brazil 5 Venezuela 0
Paraguay 1 Bolivia 0
Ecuador 1 Peru 1
Chile 3 Venezuela 1
Argentina 3 Ecuador 0
Columbia 2 Bolivia 0
Chile 4 Brazil 0
Colombia 3 Paraguay 0

GROUP DETAILS

LIVERPOOL are gearing up for a great season with the likes of JOHN BARNES and PETER BEARDSLEY joining the Anfield staff.

★★★

TOMAS Boy, Mexico's captain during the World Cup last summer, has announced he will retire at the end of the current season. The Universitario Nuevo Leon midfielder will be 35 at the end of this month.

- Disgraced former West German international goalkeeper Toni Schumacher, sacked by 1FC Cologne after making accusations of widespread drug taking within the club in his autobiography, has joined Schalke 04.

- The Italian League Serie A will be increased from 16 clubs to 18, commencing with the 1988-89 season.

- Everton have appointed former Chief Coach Colin Harvey as their manager in succession to the Athletic Bilbao bound Howard Kendall.

- SV Hamburg defeated second division club Stuttgart Kickers 3-1 in the West German Cup Final at West Berlin.

- The West German federation has ordered last season's drawn Bundesliga first division game between Fortuna Düsseldorf and VfL Bochum to be replayed because of refereeing errors! The date of the rematch, in which Fortuna will require a win in order to avoid relegation, has yet to be announced.

- Italy have been stripped of their European under 16 Championship for fielding a player who was four days older than the tournament restrictions permitted. They were also barred from the current World under 16 Championship after winning the European Final against the USSR.

• World Champions

Argentina, without Diego Maradona, slumped to a 1-0 defeat at the hands of Paraguay in Buenos Aires. An own goal by Oscar Ruggeri separated the two teams, both of which were warming up for the South American Championship.

- Glenn Hoddle moved from Tottenham Hotspur to AS Monaco in a \$1,500,000 transfer and has teamed up with fellow England international Mark Hateley at the French League club. Hateley moved to Monte Carlo from AC Milan a week earlier.

- Real Madrid finished three points clear of CF Barcelona in the Spanish League. Espanol were third.

- Former Socceroos coach Rudi Gutendorf has been relieved of his post as Fijian national team post for financial reasons.

EUROPEAN Footballer of the Year Igor Belanov has revealed that he was TWICE on the verge of quitting Soccer.

He says: "The first time was when I was refused admission to an official Soccer school in Odessa because the coaches thought I didn't look anything like a footballer. That riled me so much I spent every spare moment practising until I finally gained a place in a junior side."

And the second time? Belanov adds: "That was after my international debut for the USSR two years ago. We lost 4-2 to Denmark and I was practically accused to being a coward."

"It was only because of the great support I was given by the players and coaching staff at Dynamo Kiev that I decided to continue in the game."

So now you know and, if you ever meet Mr Belanov, treat him gently, won't you.

REAL TROUBLE FOR MADRID MANAGER

LEO Beenhakker could be sacked by Real Madrid — irrespective that he managed the Spanish giants to their second successive League Championship triumph.

Real and Barcelona complete their drawn out season last Sunday, and sources close to Real suggest President Roman Mendoza is attempting for a second time to lure top Swedish coach Sven Goran Eriksson.

Eriksson turned down the chance to go to Spain 12 months ago, opting for AS Roma. But he has resigned from the Italian club and is said to have been offered a two-year contract worth \$800,000 to join Real.

Beenhakker, the former Dutch national team manager, was Mendoza's second choice and it is claimed he was not a popular appointment among the players.

THE COPA AMERICA FINAL

URUGUAY retained their South American champions' title when they defeated arch-rivals CHILE 1-0 in the final of the Copa America played in Buenos Aires.

The goal gave Uruguay their second consecutive win in the championship came from PABLO Bengoechea at the 56 minute mark.

To make the final the Uruguayans beat world champions Argentina 1-0 in the semi-final played in River Plate whilst the Chileans after shocking the world by thrashing tournament favourites

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completed his first signing, paying \$750,000 for Motherwell striker Andy Walker.

• Dynamic England and Newcastle United striker Peter Beardsley signed for Liverpool.

Transfer terms with Newcastle were reached and Beardsley met with manager Kenny Dalglish to finalise terms for his contract.

But Liverpool could also lose one of their stars with Eire international Mark Lawrenson on the end of a massive bid from newly promoted Derby County.

A decision on Lawrenson's future will also be made today.

Beardsley will be a great capute for the Reds, but on the other hand the loss of Lawrenson would leave a big gap in their defensive set up.

ARRIGO Sacchi's first mission as new manager of AC Milan be to try and sign Roberto Mussi from his old club.

Sacchi, the surprise appointment by Milan chairman Silvio Berlusconi, is expected to try to prise the 23-year-old fullback from Serie 'B' club Parma.

Brazil 4-0 in their group clash defeated Colombia 2-1 after extra-time in the other semi-final. Uruguay's victory in the semi-final against the Diego Maradona led side was sweet revenge following the loss to Argentina in last years World Cup second round. It was goalpoacher Antonio Alzamendi who struck a minute before half-time to destroy the Argentinian dream of taking out the title. Chile had to do it the hard way against the Colombians. After a scoreless 90 minutes Colombia hit the front 12 minutes into the first period of extra-time through a Bernardo Redin goal but the Chileans showing rare character hit back two minutes into the second period when Fernando Astengo bobbed up for the equaliser.

Chile, the surprise package of the tournament, asserted their authority in the 109th minute when star forward Jaime Vera rammed home the winner. The final win was Uruguay's ninth triumph since the inception of the 'Copa America' back in 1917.

The match began as predicted with much friction, fouls and rough play.

After just 10 minutes Chile's Eduardo Gomes was shown the yellow card by Brazilian referee Romualdo Arphi Filho when he skinned Uruguay's star striker Enzo Francescoli. The resulting free-kick from the Uruguayan flew just over the crossbar.

Chile continued to use the strong-handed tactics and just five minutes later they paid dearly when Gomes sent Francescoli flying again with a reckless challenge and was duly sent-off.

Obviously undaunted by the referee's actions Chile continued the cynicism and Francescoli was again the victim three minutes after Gomes was shown the red card, this time at the hands of Fernando Astengo. The charge sent the Uruguayan writhing from the field and he stayed off for

some time receiving attention.

Uruguay held the ascendancy during all this but with all the punishment dealt out to their players something had to give and it did in the 26th minute.

Antonio Alzamendi broke clear and was brought crashing down by substitute Ricardo Toro, Francescoli had had enough and drove his head into the Chilean's sending him down for the count and earning himself a red card for his troubles also.

With both sides down to ten men the match opened up and in the 32nd minute Bengoechea and Alzamendi worked a move to go close for Uruguay but it was Chile who came closest seven minutes before the break when Jorge Contreras was left one on one with Uruguayan keeper Eduardo Pereira but sent his shot sailing over the crossbar.

This chance seemed to spur the Chileans on however and they held the upper hand early in the second half until Bengoechea struck.

After going the goal ahead Uruguay were content to sit on their lead and let Chile come after the equaliser which did not eventuate, the only other action being when Astengo of Chile and Jose Perdomo were sent off right at the death for the inevitable fighting.

URUGUAY: Eduardo Pereira, Alfonso Dominguez, Nelson Gutierrez, Obdulio Trasante, Jose Pinto, Jose Pintos Saldanha, Gustavo Matosas, Jose Perdomo (sent off), Pablo Bengoechea, Antonio Alzamendi (Jose Enrique 87), Enzo Francescoli (sent off), Ruben Sosa. Manager: Roberto Fleitas.

CHILE: Roberto Rojas, Oscar Reyes, Luis Hormazabal, Eduardo Gomes (sent off), Fernando Astengo (sent off), Patricio Luis Mardones, Jaime Pizarro, Hector Puebla (Ricardo Toro 20) (Rubio 65), Jorge Contreras, Ivo Basay, Juan Carlos Letelier, Orlando Aravena.

COLOMBIA defeated Argentina 2-1 in the third-place play-off match in Buenos Aires.

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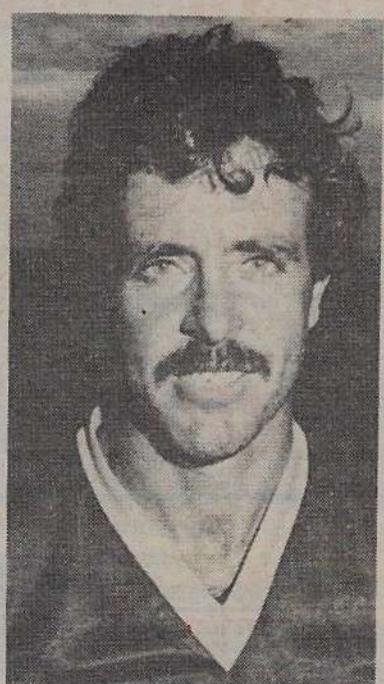
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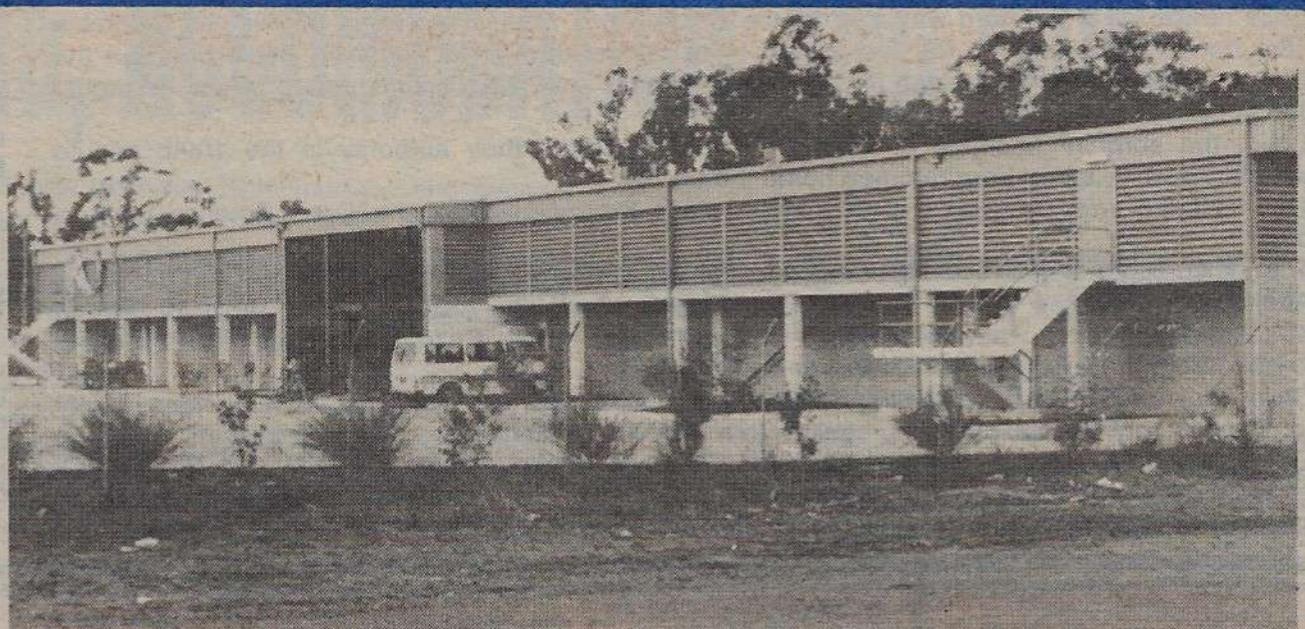


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FAIRFIELD INDOOR SOCCER STADIUMS

The Fairfield Indoor Soccer Stadiums Complex is situated in the south western Sydney suburb of Bonnyrigg, at the corner of Smithfield and Edensor Roads, and opened in November 1985.

The complex consists of three 30m x 20m courts, and was designed and built specifically for Indoor Soccer. The original idea was the brainchild of Eddie Williams and Doug Urquhart who, along with a third partner Jack Campbell, run the centre.

Eddie is from North London and is a staunch Arsenal supporter. Doug is from Edinburgh and is a Hearts fan. Jack is a fanatical Rangers supporter and is from Glasgow.

All three still currently still play Indoor Soccer.

The Centre also caters for indoor netball, which is played on two of the Soccer courts and is run completely on outdoor netball rules. Other features include a sauna and spa.

Netball is a fast growing sport within the centre and there are now over 50 teams competing in the competitions.

The predominant sport without the centre, however, is still Soccer with over 130 teams from mainly the Liverpool-Fairfield area, but with some teams travelling from as far afield as the Northern Beaches and Eastern Suburbs.

Currently nine local schools utilize the facilities for Indoor Soccer and aerobics.

The schools involved are both high schools and public schools, government and private, and both boys and girls participate in Indoor Soccer.

Fairfield, being the most multi-cultural municipality in Australia, has led to people from over 50 nationalities playing within the complex.

Apart from the home bred Aussies, the most predominant ethnic groups playing within the centre, would be British, Italian, Yugoslav and a large contingent of South Americans.

Fairfield Indoor Stadiums field teams in the five categories of the inter-centre competition which has teams participating from centres in Campbelltown, Newcastle, St Marys, Guildford, as well as Fairfield.

The five categories are: A grade, B grade, over 35's, under 19's and ladies and Fairfield are currently Club Champions.

The A grade side, who won the last competition, is captained by Peter Sharne, the well known ex-Australian Soccer player.

Eddie, Doug and Jack all feel that Indoor Soccer is only in its infancy in Australia and that, with the correct promotion, it could develop into a major all year round sport.

Fairfield Indoor Soccer Complex, being the biggest of its kind in Australia, intends to be at the forefront of the Indoor Soccer boom.

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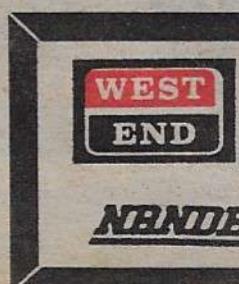
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